The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of The Secretary of The Commonwealth
Town Officers Elected

Town of Leverett

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, I certify that the following persons were elected to town offices at the annual town election held on March 28, 1998.
(Date of Election)

Town Clerk Lisa Stratford

Return immediately after town election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Division, McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA02108-1512

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Assessor	Don Robinson	2001
Assessor	James Hicks	2000
Auditor	Steve Nagy	1999
Library Trustee	Judy Batty	2001
Library Trustee	Elaine Barker	2001
Constable	Carlyle Field	1999
Finance Com.	Edith Field	2001
" "	John Jenkins	2001
" "	Cynthia Thomas-Kimmel	2000
Asst. Moderator	Nancy Gibavics	1999
Planning Board	Ken Kahn	2003
School Com.	Laurie Brown	2001
" "	Laurie Millman	2001
Selectboard	Fenna Lee Bonsignore	2001
Town Clerk	Lisa Stratford	2001
Tree Warden	Will Stratford	1999
Board Health	Steve Ball	1999
" "	John Hillman	1999
" "	Matt Corcoran	2001
" "	Glenn Ayers	2001

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
William Francis Galvin

City/Town : Leverett

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, I certify that the number of people who voted in the election was as follows:

Date of election: March 28, 1998

In accordance with the General Laws, I certify that at the close of registration on the number of registered voters was as follows:

Date of close of registration: March 16, 1998

WD.	PCT.	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED	WD.	PCT.	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED
1	1	1137	119				
TOTAL	1	1137	119				

CITY OR TOWN CLERK OR ELECTION COMMISSIONER: Lisa Stratford

Please return this form within 5 days after the election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Division, Room 1705, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108

NAMES OF THE SELECTMEN AND CLERKS

TOWN: Leverett

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**TERM EXPIRES**
☞ **Chairperson:** Don Gibavic	1999
Fenna Lee Bonsignore	2001
James Perkins	2000

☞ **DATE OF TOWN MEETING:** March 28, 1998

☞ **TOWN CLERK:** D'Ann Kelty **Term Expires:** March 28, 1998

☞ **Town Clerk:** **Appointed** or **Elected** (Please Circle)

☞ **Town Clerk's Business Phone:** 413 548-9150 **Home Phone:** 413 548-9797

☞ **Clerk's FAX number OR other town office FAX number:** 413 548-9150

☞ **Town Clerk's Office Hours:** Monday night 7-9, Wed 9-12, Th. 9-12

☞ **Town Clerk's Mailing Address and Zip Code:** P.O. Box 178
(Office, not home)
Leverett, MA 01054

☞ **If town clerk is elected/appointed this year, name of individual elected:**

Lisa Stratford **Term Expires:** March 2001

Home Phone: 413 367-9220

Signed Lisa Stratford
(Town Clerk)

Please return within five days to:

Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division
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One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
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Town of Leverett Special Town Meeting

September 29, 1997

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM at said Leverett, on Monday September 29, 1997 at 8:00 in the evening (8:00 PM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $197.23 which represents the town's share of the Franklin County dog monies from the General Fund to the Library Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 172.

Article Two: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from available funds a sum not to exceed $ 4,500.00 to pay for additional testing of water samples from private wells and the landfill monitoring wells in order to comply with directives from the Department of Environmental Protection for the completion of the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $10,000 to renovate the Town Hall bathrooms.

Article Four: To see if the town will vote to expend from available funds a sum not to exceed $ 6,100.00 to reconstruct the intersection of North Leverett and Chestnut Hill Roads.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $950.00 to construct a concrete pad at the transfer station.

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to expend from available funds $6,328.12 as a bill of prior years to pay for additional salary costs for the Leverett Elementary School.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair. replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $1,503 from available funds to the Fire Department operating budget.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8 day of September, A.D. 1997.

A true copy I attest:
D'Ann Sauer Kelty
D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD LEVERETT

Donald L. Gibavic

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

James Perkins

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date:_____ Constable: _____

Town of Leverett
FY 99 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Saturday, March 28, 1998
9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

Franklin SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonweaith, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 28th of March next, at 9:00 in the morning (9:00 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

ARTICLE TWO : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts* to read "the last Saturday of April at 9:00 A.M." instead of "the last Saturday in March at 9:00 A.M.". A complete text of the change is on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,600 to purchase computer hard ware and software for the Board of Assessors.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Land Fund.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the proposed new town library.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $190,000 to buy and equip a new fire truck for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE NINE : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow $33,000 to remove the underground fuel tanks at the town garage and replace them with above ground tanks including the construction of a concrete pad, roof, steel protective posts and electrical work.

ARTICLE TEN : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,300 to replace four garage doors at the fire/highway building.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1,200 to install an insulated overhead door at the fire station.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $7,000 to shingle and/or repair the roof of the fire station.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Account $5795 for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1,550 for legal services and related costs for foreclosure proceedings.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,000 for designer/architects services for the public safety/public works complex.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $15,000 for designer/architectural services to undertake a feasibility study for an addition and renovations to the Leverett Elementary School.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,836 to cover additional costs of testing monitoring wells at the landfill for the completion of the last round of testing for the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see whether the town will authorize the Select Board of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the northerly side of Dudleyville Road, shown on a plan entitled "Alternation of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin County, MA)" surveyed for the Town of Leverett by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc., dated April 25, 1996, described herein. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

"For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

"4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of Section 4321:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, the lot shall not be subject to the dimensional requirements and restrictions of the Aquifer Protection District if (a) the portion of the lot that is entirely out of the Aquifer Protection District is shown on a recordable plan as complying with the Dimensional Schedule for the underlying District and (b) it is indicated on the plan that no structure shall be erected in the portion of the lot in the Aquifer Protection District."

ARTICLE TWENTY TWO: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4700 which creates a Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District. The intent of this is to protect the natural, geological and historic character of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District while providing for reasonable use of private land. Structures built in this district would be subject to increased setback requirements, a natural vegetation buffer zone and a site plan review. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE TWENTY THREE: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE TWENTY FOUR: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of *The Night Custodian Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993.

ARTICLE TWENTY FIVE: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Library Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994.

ARTICLE TWENTY SIX: To see if the town will authorize the continuation of the *Telephone Book Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995.

ARTICLE TWENTY SEVEN: To see if the town will authorize the continuation of the *Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 14, April 29, 1995.

ARTICLE TWENTY EIGHT: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Historical Commission Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 11, September 18, 1995.

ARTICLE TWENTY NINE: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Town Hall Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 17, March 30, 1996.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office, in the Town Hall and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the Baptist Church at North Leverett and the Village Co-op at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2 day of March, 1998.

A true copy I attest:

SELECT BOARD OF LEVERETT

Donald L. Gibavic

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

James Perkins

James Perkins

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: March 9, 1998 Constable: Ethan V Howard Jr

TOWN OF LEVERETT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 28, 1998
MINUTES

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Leverett was called to order by Moderator Gary Gruber at 9:10am, a quorum of voters (57 on this date) being deemed present. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant; motion was seconded and passed.

Moderator Gruber called for a moment of silence to remember those who had passed from our midst and to celebrate those who had been born during the past year. He then recognized the recipient of the Dedication of the current Annual Town Report, Clifford Blinn.

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

The following officers were elected from the Town Meeting floor by unanimous vote:
Assessor, 3 year term, Donald Robinson; Assessor, 2 year term, James Hicks
Auditor, 1 year term, Steve Nagy;
Library Trustees, 3 year terms, Judith Batty, Elaine Barker;
Constable, 3 year term, Carlyle Field;
Finance Committee, 3 year term, Edith Field, John Jenkins; 2 year term, Cynthia Thomas-Kimmel;
Assistant Moderator, 1 year term, Nancy Gibavic; Planning Board, 5 year term, Kenneth Kahn;
School Committee, 3 year terms, Laurie Brown, Laurie Millman;
Selectboard, 3 year term, Fenna Lee Bonsignore; Town Clerk, 3 year term, Lisa Stratford;
Tree Warden, 1 year term, Will Stratford
Board of Health, 1 year terms, Steve Ball, John Hillman.
The Board of Health vote followed a ballot vote for Board of Health, two 3 year terms. Nominated for these two positions were: Matt Corcoran (73 votes), Glenn Ayers (81 votes), Steve Ball (67 votes). Corcoran and Ayers will serve for three years.

Article Two: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

Total budget voted by the meeting: **$2,909,423.**

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett* to read "the last Saturday of April at 9:00 A.M." instead of "the last Saturday in March at 9:00 A.M." A complete text of the change is on file with the Town Clerk.

Jim Perkins: I move to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett* to read "the last Saturday in April at 9:00 A.M." instead of "the last Saturday in March or the first Saturday in April which is not a holiday weekend at 9:00 A.M."

Motion seconded. **Motion failed.**

Article Four: To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move the town authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,600 to purchase computer hardware and software for the Board of Assessors.

Don Robinson: I move the town vote to raise and appropriate $8,600 to purchase computer hardware and software for the Board of Assessors. Motion was seconded. Motion was then amended to indicate the money would be taken from **free cash** rather than raised and appropriated. Amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Land Fund.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to take from **free cash** $2,500 for the Conservation Land Fund.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the proposed new town library.

Christopher Condit: I move the town vote to accept the preliminary design for the proposed new town library.

Motion was seconded. After discussion, there was a motion to pass over the article. Motion was seconded. Motion failed by a vote of Yes, 30; No, 92.

After further discussion, there was a motion to end debate. This motion was seconded and carried.

Vote on the main motion carried: Yes, 115; No, 10.

At this point in the meeting the Selectboard recognized retiring Town Clerk D'Ann Kelty with a citation from the State Senate and paintings by Leverett artists Bill Rathbun and Lynn Peterfreund.

State Representative Steve Kulik addressed the meeting concerning Education Funding, and took questions from the floor.

At 12:40 Moderator Gruber announced that the meeting would reconvene at 1:30 after lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:35.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $190,000 to buy and equip a new fire truck for the Fire Department.

Due to the absence of firefighters who had been called from the meeting earlier to respond to a brush fire, Selectboard Chair Donald Gibavic made the following motion: I move the town vote to expend **$60,000 from free cash and $130,000 from the Stabilization Account** to purchase and equip a new fire truck.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.

Motion carried by a vote of Yes, 70; No, 1.

Article Nine: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow $33,000 to remove the underground fuel tanks at the town garage and replace them with above ground tanks including the construction of a concrete pad, roof, steel protective posts and electrical work.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to expend $33,000 from **free cash** to remove the underground fuel tanks at the town garage and replace them with above ground tanks including the

construction of a concrete pad, roof, steel protective posts, pumps, electrical work and all associated services.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Ten: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,300 to replace four garage doors at the fire/highway building.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend $8600 from **free cash** to replace four garage doors at the fire/highway building.

Motion was seconded. Will Stratford moved to amend the article to read a sum of **$10,300**. Amendment was seconded and carried.

Recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.
Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Article Eleven: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1200 to install an insulated overhead door at the fire station.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from **free cash** $1200 to install an insulated overhead garage door at the old highway garage.

Motion was seconded; recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article Twelve: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $7,000 to shingle and/or repair the roof of the fire station.

Article was passed over, due to generosity of resident Donald Ogden.

Article Thirteen: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Account $5795 for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town vote to transfer $5795 from the Road Machinery Account to the Highway Department budget for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Motion was seconded; recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion was made to table this article. Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Fourteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1550 for legal services and related costs for foreclosure proceedings.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from **free cash** $1550 for legal services and related costs for foreclosure proceedings.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Fifteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,000 for designer/architects services for the public safety/public works complex.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to **borrow** $10,000 for designer/architects services for the public safety/public works complex.

Motion was seconded; recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion carried with a vote: Yes - 69, No - 4

Article Sixteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $15,000 for designer/architectural services to undertake a feasibility study for an addition and renovations to the Leverett Elementary School.

Fay Zipkowitz:: I move that the town vote to **borrow** $15,000 for designer/architectural services to undertake a feasibility study for an addition and renovations to the Leverett Elementary School.

Motion was seconded; recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion carried with a vote of: Yes - 75, No - 1.

* See correction below.

Article Seventeen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,836 to cover additional costs of testing monitoring wells at the landfill for the completion of the last round of testing for the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

SEVENTEEN: Jim: I move the Town vote to expend $2,127.00 from free cash to cover additional costs of testing monitoring wells at the landfill for the completion of the last round of testing for the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

Lisa Stratford

Motion was seconded. Motion was amended to indicate that the money would be expended from **free cash**, rather than raised and appropriated. Amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

At this point, Fenna Lee Bonsignore re-introduced **Article Thirteen:** I move that the town vote to transfer $5795 from the Road Machinery Account to the Highway Department budget for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Motion was seconded; recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Eighteen: To see whether the town will authorize the Select Board of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the northerly side of Dudleyville Road, shown on a plan entitled "Alternation of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin County, MA)" surveyed for the Town of Leverett by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc. dated April 25, 1996, described herein. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to authorize the Select Board of the Town of Leverett to acquire for the town the land on the northerly side of Dudleyville Road shown on a plan entitled, "Alternation of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin County, MA)" surveyed for the Town by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc. dated April 25, 1996, owned by W.D. Cowls, said land is described as follows:

> Beginning at a granite bound to be set numbered 6 set in the Northerly line of Dudleyville Road by land now or formerly of Mark D. LaClaire; thence North 33° 03 49" East a distance of 17.28 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 5 at land of said LaClaire and land now or formerly of W.D. Cowls, Inc.; thence South 64° 47' 01" East a distance of 34.38 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 4 by land of said Cowls, thence continuing South 47° 44' 45" East a distance of 120.56 feet, more or less, to a granite bound numbered 3 to be set; thence by land of said W.D. Cowls, Inc. South 53° 25' 11" East a distance of 191.75 feet, more or less, to a granite bound numbered 2 to be set at land now or formerly of Daryl and Ernestine Johnson; thence South 26° 16' 45" West a distance of 16.77 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 5 set in the northeasterly line of Dudleyville Road; thence by said Dudleyville Road North 53° 25' 11" West 195.57 feet, more or less, to a point; thence North 47° 44' 45" West a distance of 116.80 feet, by the Northeasterly line of said Dudleyville Road to a point; thence North 64° 47' 01" West a distance of 36.28 feet, more or less, by said Dudleyville Road to the granite bound set at the beginning. See deed to W.D. Cowls, Inc. dated 1971 recorded with Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 1289, page 54.

Motion was seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Nineteen: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

> "For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

> "For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Twenty: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

> "4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

> "4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Article Twenty One: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of Section 4321:

> "Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, the lot shall not be subject to the dimensional requirements and restrictions of the Aquifer Protection District if (a) the portion of the lot that is entirely out of the Aquifer Protection District is shown on a recordable plan as complying with the Dimensional Schedule for the underlying District and (b) it is indicated on the plan that no structure shall be erected in the portion of the lot in the Aquifer Protection District."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of Section 4321:

> "Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, the lot shall not be subject to the dimensional requirements and restrictions of the Aquifer Protection District if (a) the portion of the lot that is entirely out of the Aquifer Protection District is shown on a recordable plan as complying with the Dimensional Schedule for the underlying District and (b) it is indicated on the plan that no structure shall be erected in the portion of the lot in the Aquifer Protection District."

The question was called. Motion to end debate was seconded and carried.

The main article, with four amendments carried with a vote of: Yes - 54, No - 21.

Article Twenty Three: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Sidney Poritz: I move that the Town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Motion was seconded. Sid offered a friendly amendment to include also amending that section of the existing Zoning Bylaws in **Article VI. Definitions** by adding after the definition of "Structure": TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES - includes towers, antennas, buildings and accessory structures designed or modified to provide personal communications services, radio and television broadcast or reception, microwave communications, or similar communication services. Not included are antennas used for personal television and radio reception or radio facilities actively used under a FCC (Federal Communication Commission) amateur radio license.
and in Section 2234, to insert after the line beginning "Sale or storage of feed" the following line:

Telecommunications Facilities	N	N	N	SP

(This amendment was implied in the main motion and the posted warrant article by virtue of the fact that this information was included in all information regarding this article on file with the Town Clerk, and was on all information presented at the public hearing and available to Town Meeting participants. This amendment adds a definition and use restrictions to the pertinent sections of the existing bylaws to complete the document should the new section 4900 be adopted.)

Amendment was seconded and carried.

Steve Blinn: I move to amend the motion by changing the designations in section 2234 to read:

Telecommunications Facilities	SP	SP	N	SP

Amendment was seconded and failed.

After discussion the question was called. Motion to vote was seconded and carried.

Main motion carried by a vote of: Yes - 44, No - 3

Article Twenty Four: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Night Custodian Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993.

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried by a vote of: Yes - 68, No - 2.**

Article Twenty Two: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4700 which creates a Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District. The intent of this is to protect the natural, geological and historic character of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District while providing for reasonable use of private land. Structures built in this district would be subject to increased setback requirements, a natural vegetation buffer zone and a site plan review. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Motion was seconded. At this point McQueen made sure that everyone in the meeting had a copy of the complete text of the proposed new Section 4700. He stated that two friendly amendments which were a result of the recent hearing on this proposed change were printed on the back of the document distributed. Bill Rivers and Jeff McQueen proceeded to propose these two amendments.

Bill Rivers: I move to amend section 4732 by the addition of the following sentence after the second sentence of said section:

> Notwithstanding the first sentence of this paragraph to the contrary, the owner of any lot existing as of March 18, 1998 which is at least five (5) acres and which is primarily devoted to the production of forest products for which a Forest Cutting Plan (MGL. Ch. 132, S. 40-46) has been filed with and approved by the State Department of Environmental Management may harvest wood in accordance with such plan.

Amendment was seconded and carried.

Jeff McQueen: I move to amend section 4732 by adding after the work "driveway" in the second sentence the following language: "or the installation of utilities."
Amendment was seconded and carried.

Clifford Blinn: I move to amend section 4732 to delete the following words: "provided such cutting (i) shall not exceed 5 cords in any 12 month period and (ii) is in accordance with a cutting plan, with all trees to be cut within the Buffer Zone marked by colored tape or ribbon, which has been approved by the Planning Board"
Amendment was seconded and carried by a vote of: Yes - 42, No - 28.

Peter d'Errico: I move to amend Section 4742 a to add, after the word "intervals," the words "for purposes of this subsection, a USGS (United States Geological Services) Map with a 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 scale is acceptable;"
Amendment was seconded and carried.

Steve Blinn: I move to delete sections 4740, 4741, 4742, and 4743, related to site plans.
Amendment was seconded, and failed.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 21, April 24, 1993. in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 whereby fees collected from groups using the school building between the hours of 6 and 9 PM will be credited to the Night Custodian Revolving Fund and expended by the School Committee without further appropriation to compensate for the services of a night custodian; the total amount to be expended from said fund not to exceed $524.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Five: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Library Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town vote to authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by article 16, April 30, 1994, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; thereby money collected from the sale of discarded books, and fines collected for overdue, lost, or destroyed materials will be credited to the Library Revolving Fund and expended by the Library Director without further appropriation to purchase books and videos; the total amount to be expended from said fund not to exceed $2500.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Six: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Telephone Book Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995.

Jim Perkins: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 13, April 29, 1995, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from advertisers for the Leverett telephone directory will be credited to the Telephone Book Revolving Fund and expended by the Newsletter Editor and Town Clerk without further appropriation to pay for the publishing of a biannual town directory; the total amount to be expended from said fund not to exceed $2000.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Seven: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 14, April 29, 1995.

Don Gibavic: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 14, April 29, 1995, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from the sale of Roads of Leverett items will be credited to the toads of Leverett revolving Fund and expended by the School Committee and the Library without further appropriation to cover costs of producing such items; and at the end of the fiscal year, the profits from these sales

are to be transferred equally to the Library Building Fund and the Leverett Elementary Arts Fund (LEAF); the total amount to be expended from said revolving fund not to exceed $750.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Eight: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Historical Commission Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 11, September 18, 1995.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 11, September 18, 1995 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from the sale of plants and donations will be credited to the Historical Commission Revolving Fund and expended by the Commission without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining Town gardens and landscaping Town property; the total amount to be expended from said revolving fund not to exceed $454.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Nine: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Town Hall Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 17, March 30, 1996.

Jim Perkins: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 16, March 30, 1996 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from fundraising suppers and donations will be credited to the Town Hall Revolving Fund and expended by the Selectboard without further appropriation for the purpose of town hall maintenance and/or the purchase of equipment and furnishings; total amount to be expended from said revolving fund not to exceed $500.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:34pm. Motion was seconded and carried.

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

Official minutes recorded and submitted by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

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July 16, 1998

Lisa Stratford, Town Clerk
Town of Leverett
P.O. Box 178
Leverett, MA 01054-0178

Re: Leverett Annual Town Meeting of March 28, 1998
Warrant Article # 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 (Zoning) and Maps 20, 22

Dear Ms. Stratford:

I return the amendments to the Zoning by-laws adopted under Article 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 of the Warrant for the Annual town meeting that convened on March 28, 1998, and the maps pertaining to Articles 20 & 22, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

This office has received comments from some Leverett citizens in opposition to Article 22, which creates the "Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District." "The Attorney General may disapprove a by-law only if it violates State substantive or procedural law." *Amherst v. Attorney General*, 398 Mass. 793, 795 (1986); G.L. c. 40, § 32; G.L. c. 40A, § 5. In reviewing by-laws, "it is fundamental that every presumption is to be made in favor of the validity of municipal by-laws." *Id.*, at 796, *citing Grace v. Brookline,* 379 Mass. 43, 49 (1979). The Attorney General may not disapprove a by-law simply because he disagrees with the policy choices implicit or explicit in the by-law; nor may he "comment on the wisdom of the town's by-law." *Amherst*, 398 Mass. at 799.

It is possible that the Town may face challenges to Article 22 as applied to the facts and circumstances unique to a specific case. *Canteen Corp. v. Pittsfield*, 4 Mass. App. Ct. 289 (1976); *National Amusements v. Boston*, 29 Mass App. Ct. 305 (1990); *Everpure Ice Mfg. Co. v. Board of Appeals of Lawrence*, 324 Mass. 433 (1949). However, these issues should be addressed, if at all, by a reviewing court able to reach factual conclusions. It is not within the limited power of the Attorney General to make such rulings on review of a by-law.

Very truly yours,

Kristi A. Bodin, Assistant Attorney General
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Article Nineteen: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

> "For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

> "For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Date of final Town Meeting action: March 28, 1998

Article Twenty: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

> "4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

> "4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Date of final Town Meeting action: March 28, 1998

Susan Stratford

Article 20

STREAM AND LAKE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MAP OF THE TOWN OF LEVERETT, 1990

Franklin County, Massachusetts

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Leverett Conservation Commission
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Lisa Stratford

Springfield, Massachusetts

This map, pertaining to the zoning by-law adopted under Article 20 of the Warrant for the Leverett Annual Town Meeting that convened on March 28, 1998, is approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:_____
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Municipal Law Unit
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436 Dwig[illegible]t Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Dated: July 16, 1998

Article Twenty One: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of Section 4321:

> "Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, the lot shall not be subject to the dimensional requirements and restrictions of the Aquifer Protection District if (a) the portion of the lot that is entirely out of the Aquifer Protection District is shown on a recordable plan as complying with the Dimensional Schedule for the underlying District and (b) it is indicated on the plan that no structure shall be erected in the portion of the lot in the Aquifer Protection District."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of Section 4321:

> "Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, the lot shall not be subject to the dimensional requirements and restrictions of the Aquifer Protection District if (a) the portion of the lot that is entirely out of the Aquifer Protection District is shown on a recordable plan as complying with the Dimensional Schedule for the underlying District and (b) it is indicated on the plan that no structure shall be erected in the portion of the lot in the Aquifer Protection District."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried by a vote of: Yes - 68, No - 2.**

Date of final Town Meeting action: March 28, 1998

Lisa Stratford

ARTICLE 22. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE LEVERETT ZONING BY-LAWS BY MAKING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES REGARDING A NEW RATTLESNAKE GUTTER OVERLAY DISTRICT:

Item 1. By adding a new Section 4700 creating the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District as follows:

4700. Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District.

4710. Purpose. It is the intent of this Section 4700 to protect the natural, geological and historic character of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, while providing for reasonable use of private land.

4720. Establishment of District. The Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District is herein established as an overlay district. The Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District includes all land set back one thousand feet on both the north and south sides of Rattlesnake Gutter Road, as measured from the centerline of the traveled portion of the way, situated between the Sawmill River on the east and the stone bridge running under Rattlesnake Gutter Road on the west, near the intersection of Old Cave Hill Road and Rattlesnake Gutter Road, all approximately as shown on a map entitled "Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, Town of Leverett, MA March 1998", hereby appended to and made a part of this by-law.

4721. Where the boundaries of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District are in doubt or dispute, the burden of proof shall be upon the owner of the land in question to show where the boundaries shall be properly located.

4730. Use Regulations. Within the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, the requirements of the underlying districts continue to apply, except that the following regulations shall supersede otherwise applicable requirements:

4731. Setbacks. No structure shall be permitted within 500 feet of the centerline of the traveled portion of Rattlesnake Gutter Road. Where a structure is proposed on a lot in existence as of March 2, 1998 which cannot meet this requirement because of size or shape, the structure shall be located at the most distant feasible development site from Rattlesnake Gutter Road, as determined by the Planning Board in accordance with section 4740, below.

4732. Buffer Zone. No live vegetation shall be removed, nor shall excavation occur, within 250 feet of the centerline of the traveled portion of Rattlesnake Gutter Road, or within two-thirds the distance between any structure and the front lot line on Rattlesnake Gutter Road, whichever is lessor. The provisions of the prior sentence shall not apply to (a) the cutting of cordwood for the personal use of the lot owner, or (b) the

harvesting of trees in accordance with cutting plans in conformity with all applicable Massachusetts forestry regulations and also approved by the Planning Board prior to any such cutting or (c) the construction of a driveway or the installation of utilities. Notwithstanding the first sentence of this paragraph to the contrary, the owner of any lot existing as of March 18, 1998 which is at least five (5) acres and which is primarily devoted to the production of forest products for which a Forest Cutting Plan (M.G.L. Ch. 132 S40.-46) has been filed with and approved by the State Department of Environmental Management may harvest wood in accordance with such plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, in the event of a natural disaster or other event threatening the public safety, cutting or removal of live vegetation within the Buffer Zone may occur, after determination of such emergency by the Selectboard, but only to the extent deemed necessary by the Selectboard or their agent.

4740. Site Plan Review. Applications for building permits or special permits within the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District shall be accompanied by four (4) copies of a site plan in accordance with the criteria specified below. The Building Inspector or the special permit granting authority shall forthwith forward such site plans to the Planning Board. Where applicable, the requirements of Section 3900 remain in full force and effect, in addition to these requirements under Section 4700. The Planning Board shall consolidate site plan review in such cases.

4741. Procedure. Site plans accompanying applications for building permits or site plans accompanying applications for special permits shall be processed in accordance with the specifications of Section 3910, above.

4742. Plans: Plans subject to this section shall show:

a. Existing and proposed topography at 10 foot or 3 meter contour intervals for purposes of this subsection a USGS (United States Geological Services) Map with a 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 scale is acceptable;

b. All boundary line information pertaining to the land sufficient to permit location of same on ground, including the location of the frontage for the lot;

c. Location and height of the proposed structure(s); photographs or renderings of the elevation of the proposed structure(s) and any alterations;

d. Parking, access, and egress provisions;

e. Location of existing stonewalls, large trees, and wooded areas, and proposed removal or retention of same;

f. Compliance with all applicable provisions of this Zoning By-Law.

Site plans shall be submitted on 24-inch by 36-inch sheets. Dimensions and scales shall be adequate to determine that all requirements are met and to make a complete analysis and evaluation of the proposal. All plans shall have a minimum scale of 1" =200'.

4743. Decision. Site plan approval shall be granted upon determination by the Planning Board that the development complies, to the maximum extent feasible, with the following criteria and standards. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions, even at the expense of the applicant, to ensure that the criteria and standards have been satisfied. Except where the applicant has removed, or caused to be removed, mature trees from the site, whether pursuant to 304 CMR 11.00 or not, the Planning Board shall not require the planting of mature trees as a condition of site plan approval. New building construction or other site alteration shall be designed in the site plan, after considering the qualities of the specific location, the proposed land use, the design of building form, grading, egress points, and other aspects of the development, so as to:

a. Minimize the number of removed trees 6" caliper or larger and the length of removed stone walls;

b. Minimize disruption of scenic views from publicly accessible locations;

c. Minimize visual intrusion by controlling the visibility of the principal and accessory structures, parking, storage, or other outdoor service areas as viewed from public ways;

4744. Regulations. The Planning Board may adopt and from time to time amend reasonable regulations for the administration of these site plan guidelines.

Item 2. By deleting the last paragraph of section 2110, and substituting the following therefor:

Five additional "overlay" districts are also hereby created: a Stream and Lake Protection District (pursuant to Section 4500), a Flood Hazard District (pursuant to Section 4400), an Aquifer Protection District (pursuant to Section 4300), a

Scenic Roads Protection District (pursuant to Section 4600), and a Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District (pursuant to Section 4700).

Item 3. By adding a footnote 7 to the entry termed "Minimum front yard (ft.)" in section 2340, the Dimensional Schedule, so that said entry reads

Minimum front yard (ft.)[5,7]	40	40	40	40

and by adding the following footnote 7 after footnote 6 after said schedule:

7 In the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, no structure shall be permitted within 500 feet of the centerline of the traveled portion of Rattlesnake Gutter Road. Where a structure is proposed on a lot in existence as of March 2, 1998, which cannot meet this requirement because of size or shape, the structure shall be located at the most distant feasible development site from Rattlesnake Gutter Road, as determined by the Planning Board in accordance with section 4740, below.

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Lisa Stratford
Town Clerk

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Motion was seconded. At this point McQueen made sure that everyone in the meeting had a copy of the complete text of the proposed new Section 4700. He stated that two friendly amendments which were a result of the recent hearing on this proposed change were printed on the back of the document distributed. Bill Rivers and Jeff McQueen proceeded to propose these two amendments.

Bill Rivers: I move to amend section 4732 by the addition of the following sentence after the second sentence of said section:

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Amendment was seconded and carried.

Jeff McQueen: I move to amend section 4732 by adding after the work "driveway" in the second sentence the following language: "or the installation of utilities."
Amendment was seconded and carried.

Clifford Blinn: I move to amend section 4732 to delete the following words: "provided such cutting (i) shall not exceed 5 cords in any 12 month period and (ii) is in accordance with a cutting plan, with all trees to be cut within the Buffer Zone marked by colored tape or ribbon, which has been approved by the Planning Board"
Amendment was seconded and carried by a vote of: Yes - 42, No - 28.

Peter d'Errico: I move to amend Section 4742 a to add, after the word "intervals," the words "for purposes of this subsection, a USGS (United States Geological Services) Map with a 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 scale is acceptable;"
Amendment was seconded and carried.

Steve Blinn: I move to delete sections 4740, 4741, 4742, and 4743, related to site plans.
Amendment was seconded, and failed.

The question was called. Motion to end debate was seconded and carried.

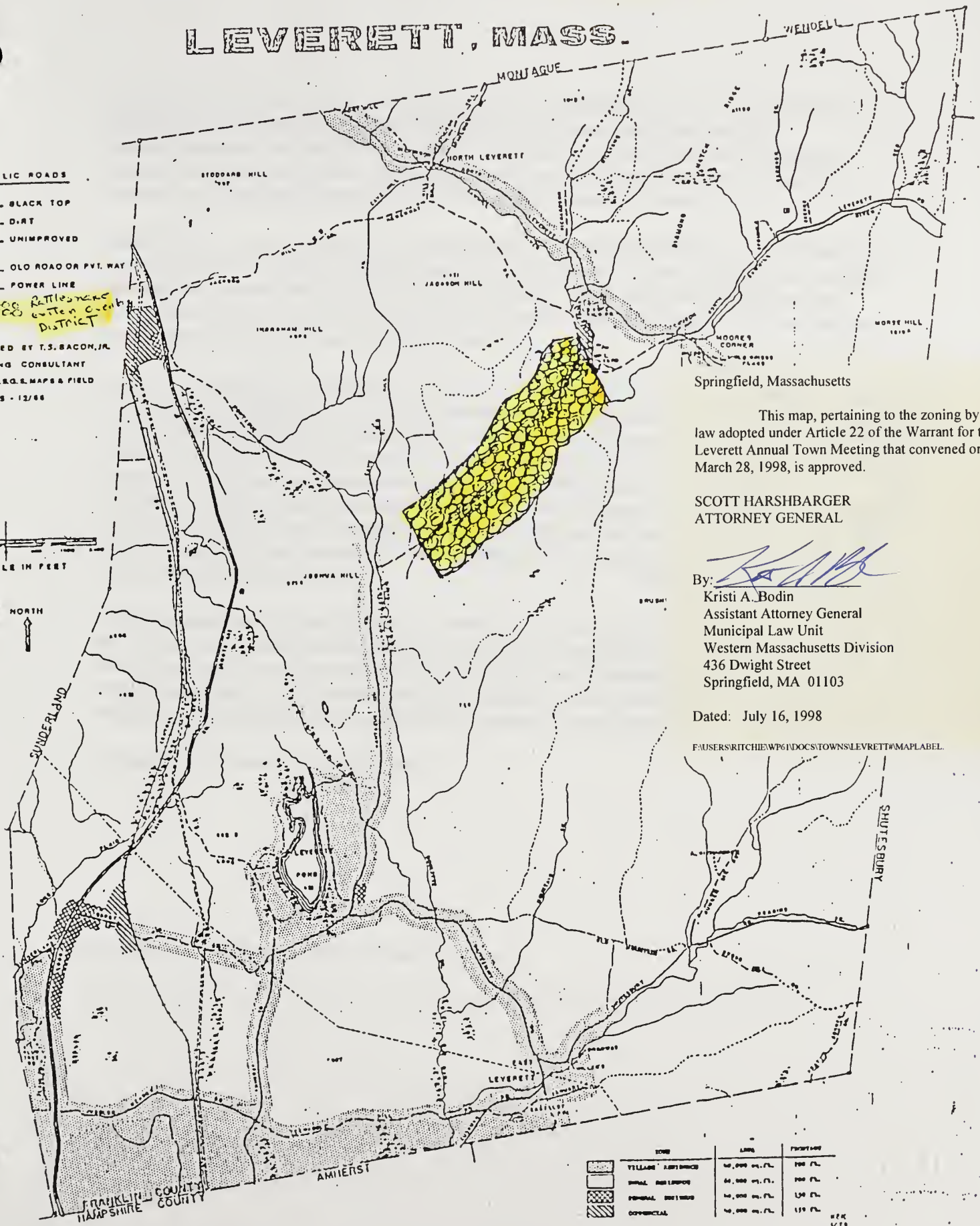
The main article, with four amendments carried with a vote of: Yes - 54, No - 21.

Lisa Stratford Date of final Town Meeting action: March 28, 1998

RATTLESNAKE GUTTER OVERLAY DISTRICT
TOWN OF LEVERETT , MA March 1998

Article 22

LEVERETT, MASS.



Springfield, Massachusetts

This map, pertaining to the zoning by-law adopted under Article 22 of the Warrant for the Leverett Annual Town Meeting that convened on March 28, 1998, is approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: _____
Kristi A. Bodin
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Dated: July 16, 1998

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RATTLESNAKE GUTTER OVERLAY DISTRICT
TOWN OF LEVERETT, MA March 1998

Lisa Stratford

Article Twenty Three: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Sidney Poritz: I move that the Town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Motion was seconded. Sid offered a friendly amendment to include also amending that section of the existing Zoning Bylaws in **Article VI. Definitions** by adding after the definition of "Structure": TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES - includes towers, antennas, buildings and accessory structures designed or modified to provide personal communications services, radio and television broadcast or reception, microwave communications, or similar communication services. Not included are antennas used for personal television and radio reception or radio facilities actively used under a FCC (Federal Communication Commission) amateur radio license.
and in Section 2234, to insert after the line beginning "Sale or storage of feed" the following line:

Telecommunications Facilities	N	N	N	SP

(This amendment was implied in the main motion and the posted warrant article by virtue of the fact that this information was included in all information regarding this article on file with the Town Clerk, and was on all information presented at the public hearing and available to Town Meeting participants. This amendment adds a definition and use restrictions to the pertinent sections of the existing bylaws to complete the document should the new section 4900 be adopted.)

Amendment was seconded and carried.

Main motion carried by a vote of: Yes - 44, No - 3

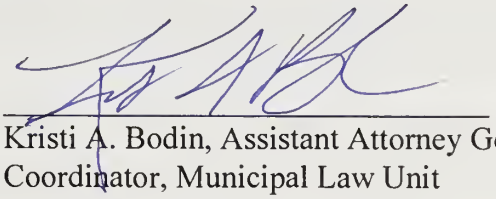
Date of final Town Meeting action: March 28, 1998.

Susan Stratford

Springfield, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the Zoning by-laws adopted under Article 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 of the Warrant for the Town of Leverett Annual town meeting that convened on March 28, 1998, and the maps pertaining to Articles 20 and 22, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL



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Dated: July 16, 1998

Town of Leverett
FY 99 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Saturday, March 28, 1998
9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

Franklin SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 28th of March next, at 9:00 in the morning (9:00 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

ARTICLE TWO : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts* to read "the last Saturday of April at 9:00 A.M." instead of "the last Saturday in March at 9:00 A.M.". A complete text of the change is on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,600 to purchase computer hard ware and software for the Board of Assessors.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Land Fund.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the proposed new town library.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $190,000 to buy and equip a new fire truck for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE NINE : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow $33,000 to remove the underground fuel tanks at the town garage and replace them with above ground tanks including the construction of a concrete pad, roof, steel protective posts and electrical work.

ARTICLE TEN : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,300 to replace four garage doors at the fire/highway building.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1,200 to install an insulated overhead door at the fire station.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $7,000 to shingle and/or repair the roof of the fire station.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Account $5795 for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1,550 for legal services and related costs for foreclosure proceedings.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,000 for designer/architects services for the public safety/public works complex.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $15,000 for designer/architectural services to undertake a feasibility study for an addition and renovations to the Leverett Elementary School.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,836 to cover additional costs of testing monitoring wells at the landfill for the completion of the last round of testing for the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see whether the town will authorize the Select Board of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the northerly side of Dudleyville Road, shown on a plan entitled "Alternation of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin County, MA)" surveyed for the Town of Leverett by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc., dated April 25, 1996, described herein. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

"For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office, in the Town Hall and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the Baptist Church at North Leverett and the Village Co-op at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2 day of March, 1998.

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

SELECT BOARD OF LEVERETT

Donald L. Gibavic

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

James Perkins

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: March 9, 1998 Constable: Ethan V Howard Jr

TOWN OF LEVERETT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 28, 1998
MINUTES

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Leverett was called to order by Moderator Gary Gruber at 9:10am, a quorum of voters (57 on this date) being deemed present. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant; motion was seconded and passed.

Moderator Gruber called for a moment of silence to remember those who had passed from our midst and to celebrate those who had been born during the past year. He then recognized the recipient of the Dedication of the current Annual Town Report, Clifford Blinn.

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

The following officers were elected from the Town Meeting floor by unanimous vote:
Assessor, 3 year term, Donald Robinson; Assessor, 2 year term, James Hicks
Auditor, 1 year term, Steve Nagy;
Library Trustees, 3 year terms, Judith Batty, Elaine Barker;
Constable, 3 year term, Carlyle Field;
Finance Committee, 3 year term, Edith Field, John Jenkins; 2 year term, Cynthia Thomas-Kimmel;
Assistant Moderator, 1 year term, Nancy Gibavic; Planning Board, 5 year term, Kenneth Kahn;
School Committee, 3 year terms, Laurie Brown, Laurie Millman;
Selectboard, 3 year term, Fenna Lee Bonsignore; Town Clerk, 3 year term, Lisa Stratford;
Tree Warden, 1 year term, Will Stratford
Board of Health, 1 year terms, Steve Ball, John Hillman.
The Board of Health vote followed a ballot vote for Board of Health, two 3 year terms. Nominated for these two positions were: Matt Corcoran (73 votes), Glenn Ayers (81 votes), Steve Ball (67 votes). Corcoran and Ayers will serve for three years.

Article Two: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

Total budget voted by the meeting: **$2,909,423.**

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett* to read "the last Saturday of April at 9:00 A.M." instead of "the last Saturday in March at 9:00 A.M." A complete text of the change is on file with the Town Clerk.

Jim Perkins: I move to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett* to read "the last Saturday in April at 9:00 A.M." instead of "the last Saturday in March or the first Saturday in April which is not a holiday weekend at 9:00 A.M."

Motion seconded. **Motion failed.**

Article Four: To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move the town authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,600 to purchase computer hardware and software for the Board of Assessors.

Don Robinson: I move the town vote to raise and appropriate $8,600 to purchase computer hardware and software for the Board of Assessors. Motion was seconded. Motion was then amended to indicate the money would be taken from **free cash** rather than raised and appropriated. Amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Land Fund.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to take from **free cash** $2,500 for the Conservation Land Fund.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the proposed new town library.

Christopher Condit: I move the town vote to accept the preliminary design for the proposed new town library.

Motion was seconded. After discussion, there was a motion to pass over the article. Motion was seconded. Motion failed by a vote of Yes, 30; No, 92.

After further discussion, there was a motion to end debate. This motion was seconded and carried.

Vote on the main motion carried: Yes, 115; No, 10.

At this point in the meeting the Selectboard recognized retiring Town Clerk D'Ann Kelty with a citation from the State Senate and paintings by Leverett artists Bill Rathbun and Lynn Peterfreund.

State Representative Steve Kulik addressed the meeting concerning Education Funding, and took questions from the floor.

At 12:40 Moderator Gruber announced that the meeting would reconvene at 1:30 after lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:35.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $190,000 to buy and equip a new fire truck for the Fire Department.

Due to the absence of firefighters who had been called from the meeting earlier to respond to a brush fire, Selectboard Chair Donald Gibavic made the following motion: I move the town vote to expend **$60,000 from free cash and $130,000 from the Stabilization Account** to purchase and equip a new fire truck.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.

Motion carried by a vote of Yes, 70; No, 1.

Article Nine: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow $33,000 to remove the underground fuel tanks at the town garage and replace them with above ground tanks including the construction of a concrete pad, roof, steel protective posts and electrical work.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to expend $33,000 from **free cash** to remove the underground fuel tanks at the town garage and replace them with above ground tanks including the

construction of a concrete pad, roof, steel protective posts, pumps, electrical work and all associated services.

Motion was seconded, recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Ten: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,300 to replace four garage doors at the fire/highway building.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend $8600 from **free cash** to replace four garage doors at the fire/highway building.

Motion was seconded. Will Stratford moved to amend the article to read a sum of **$10,300**. Amendment was seconded and carried.

Recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.
Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Article Eleven: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1200 to install an insulated overhead door at the fire station.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from **free cash** $1200 to install an insulated overhead garage door at the old highway garage.

Motion was seconded; recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article Twelve: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $7,000 to shingle and/or repair the roof of the fire station.

Article was passed over, due to generosity of resident Donald Ogden.

Article Thirteen: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Account $5795 for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town vote to transfer $5795 from the Road Machinery Account to the Highway Department budget for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Motion was seconded; recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion was made to table this article. Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Fourteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $1550 for legal services and related costs for foreclosure proceedings.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from **free cash** $1550 for legal services and related costs for foreclosure proceedings.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Fifteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,000 for designer/architects services for the public safety/public works complex.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to **borrow** $10,000 for designer/architects services for the public safety/public works complex.

Motion was seconded; recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion carried with a vote: Yes - 69, No - 4

Article Sixteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $15,000 for designer/architectural services to undertake a feasibility study for an addition and renovations to the Leverett Elementary School.

Fay Zipkowitz:: I move that the town vote to **borrow** $15,000 for designer/architectural services to undertake a feasibility study for an addition and renovations to the Leverett Elementary School.

Motion was seconded; recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion carried with a vote of: Yes - 75, No - 1.

Article Seventeen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,836 to cover additional costs of testing monitoring wells at the landfill for the completion of the last round of testing for the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

Motion was seconded. Motion was amended to indicate that the money would be expended from **free cash**, rather than raised and appropriated. Amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

At this point, Fenna Lee Bonsignore re-introduced **Article Thirteen:** I move that the town vote to transfer $5795 from the Road Machinery Account to the Highway Department budget for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Motion was seconded; recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Eighteen: To see whether the town will authorize the Select Board of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the northerly side of Dudleyville Road, shown on a plan entitled "Alternation of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin County, MA)" surveyed for the Town of Leverett by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc. dated April 25, 1996, described herein. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to authorize the Select Board of the Town of Leverett to acquire for the town the land on the northerly side of Dudleyville Road shown on a plan entitled, "Alternation of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin County, MA)" surveyed for the Town by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc. dated April 25, 1996, owned by W.D. Cowls, said land is described as follows:

> Beginning at a granite bound to be set numbered 6 set in the Northerly line of Dudleyville Road by land now or formerly of Mark D. LaClaire; thence North 33° 03 49" East a distance of 17.28 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 5 at land of said LaClaire and land now or formerly of W.D. Cowls, Inc.; thence South 64° 47' 01" East a distance of 34.38 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 4 by land of said Cowls, thence continuing South 47° 44' 45" East a distance of 120.56 feet, more or less, to a granite bound numbered 3 to be set; thence by land of said W.D. Cowls, Inc. South 53° 25' 11" East a distance of 191.75 feet, more or less, to a granite bound numbered 2 to be set at land now or formerly of Daryl and Ernestine Johnson; thence South 26° 16' 45" West a distance of 16.77 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 5 set in the northeasterly line of Dudleyville Road; thence by said Dudleyville Road North 53° 25' 11" West 195.57 feet, more or less, to a point; thence North 47° 44' 45" West a distance of 116.80 feet, by the Northeasterly line of said Dudleyville Road to a point; thence North 64° 47' 01" West a distance of 36.28 feet, more or less, by said Dudleyville Road to the granite bound set at the beginning. See deed to W.D. Cowls, Inc. dated 1971 recorded with Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 1289, page 54.

Motion was seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Nineteen: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

> "For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the first sentence of Section 2332:

> "For the purpose of this section 2332 only, the building line for a rear lot shall designate the line behind which the principal building on the lot shall be built."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Twenty: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following section:

> "4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

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> "4524. "Major Streams" are those streams shown as bold lines on the aforesaid map. "Minor Streams" are all streams shown on the aforesaid map and not shown by a bold line."

Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Article Twenty One: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of Section 4321:

> "Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, the lot shall not be subject to the dimensional requirements and restrictions of the Aquifer Protection District if (a) the portion of the lot that is entirely out of the Aquifer Protection District is shown on a recordable plan as complying with the Dimensional Schedule for the underlying District and (b) it is indicated on the plan that no structure shall be erected in the portion of the lot in the Aquifer Protection District."

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Motion was seconded. **Motion carried by a vote of: Yes - 68, No - 2.**

Article Twenty Two: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4700 which creates a Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District. The intent of this is to protect the natural, geological and historic character of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District while providing for reasonable use of private land. Structures built in this district would be subject to increased setback requirements, a natural vegetation buffer zone and a site plan review. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Jeff McQueen: I move that the town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4700 which creates a Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District. The intent of this is to protect the natural, geological and historic character of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District while providing for reasonable use of private land. Structures built in this district would be subject to increased setback requirements, a natural vegetation buffer zone and a site plan review.

Motion was seconded. At this point McQueen made sure that everyone in the meeting had a copy of the complete text of the proposed new Section 4700. He stated that two friendly amendments which were a result of the recent hearing on this proposed change were printed on the back of the document distributed. Bill Rivers and Jeff McQueen proceeded to propose these two amendments.

Bill Rivers: I move to amend section 4732 by the addition of the following sentence after the second sentence of said section:

> Notwithstanding the first sentence of this paragraph to the contrary, the owner of any lot existing as of March 18, 1998 which is at least five (5) acres and which is primarily devoted to the production of forest products for which a Forest Cutting Plan (MGL. Ch. 132, S. 40-46) has been filed with and approved by the State Department of Environmental Management may harvest wood in accordance with such plan.

Amendment was seconded and carried.

Jeff McQueen: I move to amend section 4732 by adding after the work "driveway" in the second sentence the following language: "or the installation of utilities."
Amendment was seconded and carried.

Clifford Blinn: I move to amend section 4732 to delete the following words: "provided such cutting (i) shall not exceed 5 cords in any 12 month period and (ii) is in accordance with a cutting plan, with all trees to be cut within the Buffer Zone marked by colored tape or ribbon, which has been approved by the Planning Board"
Amendment was seconded and carried by a vote of: Yes - 42, No - 28.

Peter d'Errico: I move to amend Section 4742 a to add, after the word "intervals," the words "for purposes of this subsection, a USGS (United States Geological Services) Map with a 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 scale is acceptable;"
Amendment was seconded and carried.

Steve Blinn: I move to delete sections 4740, 4741, 4742, and 4743, related to site plans.
Amendment was seconded, and failed.

The question was called. Motion to end debate was seconded and carried.

The main article, with four amendments carried with a vote of: Yes - 54, No - 21.

Article Twenty Three: To see if the town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Sidney Poritz: I move that the Town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by the addition of a new Section 4900 Article IV Special Regulations which seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities. The complete text of this article is on file with the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

Motion was seconded. Sid offered a friendly amendment to include also amending that section of the existing Zoning Bylaws in **Article VI. Definitions** by adding after the definition of "Structure": TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES - includes towers, antennas, buildings and accessory structures designed or modified to provide personal communications services, radio and television broadcast or reception, microwave communications, or similar communication services. Not included are antennas used for personal television and radio reception or radio facilities actively used under a FCC (Federal Communication Commission) amateur radio license.
and in Section 2234, to insert after the line beginning "Sale or storage of feed" the following line:

Telecommunications Facilities	N	N	N	SP

(This amendment was implied in the main motion and the posted warrant article by virtue of the fact that this information was included in all information regarding this article on file with the Town Clerk, and was on all information presented at the public hearing and available to Town Meeting participants. This amendment adds a definition and use restrictions to the pertinent sections of the existing bylaws to complete the document should the new section 4900 be adopted.)

Amendment was seconded and carried.

Steve Blinn: I move to amend the motion by changing the designations in section 2234 to read:

Telecommunications Facilities	SP	SP	N	SP

Amendment was seconded and failed.

After discussion the question was called. Motion to vote was seconded and carried.

Main motion carried by a vote of: Yes - 44, No - 3

Article Twenty Four: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Night Custodian Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 21, April 24, 1993. in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 whereby fees collected from groups using the school building between the hours of 6 and 9 PM will be credited to the Night Custodian Revolving Fund and expended by the School Committee without further appropriation to compensate for the services of a night custodian; the total amount to be expended from said fund not to exceed $524.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Five: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Library Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town vote to authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by article 16, April 30, 1994, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; thereby money collected from the sale of discarded books, and fines collected for overdue, lost, or destroyed materials will be credited to the Library Revolving Fund and expended by the Library Director without further appropriation to purchase books and videos; the total amount to be expended from said fund not to exceed $2500.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Six: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Telephone Book Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995.

Jim Perkins: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 13, April 29, 1995, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from advertisers for the Leverett telephone directory will be credited to the Telephone Book Revolving Fund and expended by the Newsletter Editor and Town Clerk without further appropriation to pay for the publishing of a biannual town directory; the total amount to be expended from said fund not to exceed $2000.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Seven: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 14, April 29, 1995.

Don Gibavic: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 14, April 29, 1995, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from the sale of Roads of Leverett items will be credited to the toads of Leverett revolving Fund and expended by the School Committee and the Library without further appropriation to cover costs of producing such items; and at the end of the fiscal year, the profits from these sales

are to be transferred equally to the Library Building Fund and the Leverett Elementary Arts Fund (LEAF); the total amount to be expended from said revolving fund not to exceed $750.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Eight: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Historical Commission Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 11, September 18, 1995.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 11, September 18, 1995 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from the sale of plants and donations will be credited to the Historical Commission Revolving Fund and expended by the Commission without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining Town gardens and landscaping Town property; the total amount to be expended from said revolving fund not to exceed $454.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Twenty Nine: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the *Town Hall Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 17, March 30, 1996.

Jim Perkins: I move that the town authorize the continuation of the Revolving Fund established by Article 16, March 30, 1996 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2; whereby money collected from fundraising suppers and donations will be credited to the Town Hall Revolving Fund and expended by the Selectboard without further appropriation for the purpose of town hall maintenance and/or the purchase of equipment and furnishings; total amount to be expended from said revolving fund not to exceed $500.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:34pm. Motion was seconded and carried.

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

Official minutes recorded and submitted by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

INFORMATION SHEET
prepared by the School Building Committee
for Town Meeting, March 28, 1998

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

Will the Town vote to borrow $15,000 to fund a feasibility study by an architect for renovations and an addition to our elementary school?

Background: The Leverett Elementary School main building was constructed in 1950, with additions built in 1954 and 1976 and two portable classrooms added in 1991. Last year, the School Committee conducted a comprehensive assessment of the educational needs of the elementary-age children of Leverett and determined that the school needs to renovate existing space and to add more classrooms. The Town Select Board appointed a School Building Committee to review the School Committee's recommendations, to submit a warrant on the issue to Town Meeting, and to monitor the planning and construction project should the Town vote its approval.

State Reimbursement: The state has a funding program for school construction and renovation that will reimburse **67%** of the cost of the planning and construction costs, including the interest on any loans used for construction. To qualify for state funds, the improved building must have an anticipated useful life of **50 years**. Last year, the School Committee submitted a proposal for extensive renovations and a 6-room addition and received preliminary approval from the Department of Education.

The Process: The state recommends that cities and towns commission a feasibility study by an architect to draw up general plans and to project costs for construction. **Today the Town will vote on whether to fund the feasibility study.** The School Building Committee will conduct open hearings and meetings through the summer to define the scope and cost of the project with the architect. In the fall, the design and cost of the plan developed by the architect and defined by the consensus of the Town will be submitted to a Town Meeting for approval. Once it is approved by 2/3 of the voters, an architect is selected to complete the specifications and drawings for submission to the state by June 1, 1999 for approval by the Board of Education for fiscal year 2000. The Town can obtain loans to begin construction at that time or wait until 2003 when the project makes its way to the top of the state funding list.

The Need:

Well and septic: The school well is currently located within the school building itself and must be moved in the near future.
Boiler: The boiler is 48 years old and is starting to leak. It will require significant expense to regain and to maintain its original output and would not provide sufficient power to heat an expanded building.
Electrical system: Parts of the school have antiquated wiring without grounding or circuit breakers which must be retrofitted for safety reasons.
Roof: The 1976 addition needs a new roof. The gym roof needs to be replaced and insulated.
Portable classrooms: The portables are deteriorating structurally and the electric heat makes their energy costs prohibitively expensive. Because they are not attached to the main school, instructional time is wasted moving children back and forth to the main building for library, gym, art, music and lunch.
Security system: The school presently has no security system for fire or burglary, despite the number of computers and expensive portable equipment.

When a project is funded, the state requires the existing building to be brought up to Code. ***All of these projects would be eligible for the 67% state reimbursement if they are included in a proposal for renovations and an addition. Otherwise, the Town would bear the entire cost.***

New space: Two classrooms are presently accessible only by passing through another classroom. The ***preschool*** rents space from the Mt. Toby Meeting House, without ready access to nursing, gym, library or cafeteria. There is an immediate need for ***more classroom space*** as the population of each grade expands and contracts from year to year, regularly requiring grades to be divided into two classrooms, classrooms to be split in half, and age groups to be mixed. Space is needed for ***library, special education, science equipment, music and art*** instruction (which now take place in the cafeteria), ***teacher work space*** and ***storage***.

The Cost: The School Building Committee is committed to developing a building plan that includes an efficient and sensible use of the existing school building and a modest addition that will meet the educational needs of the children of Leverett. It will maximize the commitment of the state to fund 67% of renovations by including the well and septic and the replacement and retrofitting of deteriorating infrastructure as part of the project.

School Building Committee: Fay Zipkowitz, Chair; Tom Ewing, Vice-Chair; Cliff Blinn; Laurie Brown; Ted Hallstrom; Michael Katz; Marty Moore; and Betsy Neisner

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

The land in Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts shown on a plan entitled "Alteration of Dudleyville Road, Leverett (Franklin Co.) MA, Surveyed for Town of Leverett" by Ainsworth & Associates, Inc. dated April 25, 1996 as follows:

Beginning at a granite bound to be set numbered 6 set in the Northerly line of Dudleyville Road by land now or formerly of Mark D. LaClaire; thence North 33° 03' 49" East a distance of 17.28 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 5 at land of said LaClaire and land now or formerly of W.D. Cowls, Inc.; thence South 64° 47' 01" East a distance of 34.38 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 4 by land of said Cowls, thence continuing South 47° 44' 45" East a distance of 120.56 feet, more or less, to a granite bound numbered 3 to be set; thence by land of said W.D. Cowls, Inc. South 53° 25' 11" East a distance of 191.75 feet, more or less, to a granite bound numbered 2 to be set at land now or formerly of Daryl and Ernestine Johnson; thence South 26° 16' 45" West a distance of 16.77 feet, more or less, to a granite bound to be set numbered 5 set in the Northeasterly line of Dudleyville Road; thence by said Dudleyville Road North 53° 25' 11" West 195.57 feet, more or less, to a point; thence North 47° 44' 45" West a distance of 116.80 feet, by the Northeasterly line of said Dudleyville Road to a point; thence North 64° 47' 01" West a distance of 36.28 feet, more or less, by said Dudleyville Road to the granite bound set at the beginning.

For title see Deed to W.D. Cowls, Inc. dated 1971 recorded with Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 1289, Page 54.

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ALTERATION APPROVED BY SELECTMEN

DATE _____

SIGNED _____

ALTERATION FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

DATE _____

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TOWN CLERK

ALTERATION ACCEPTED BY TOWN MEETING

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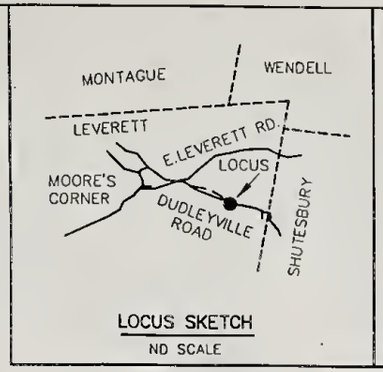

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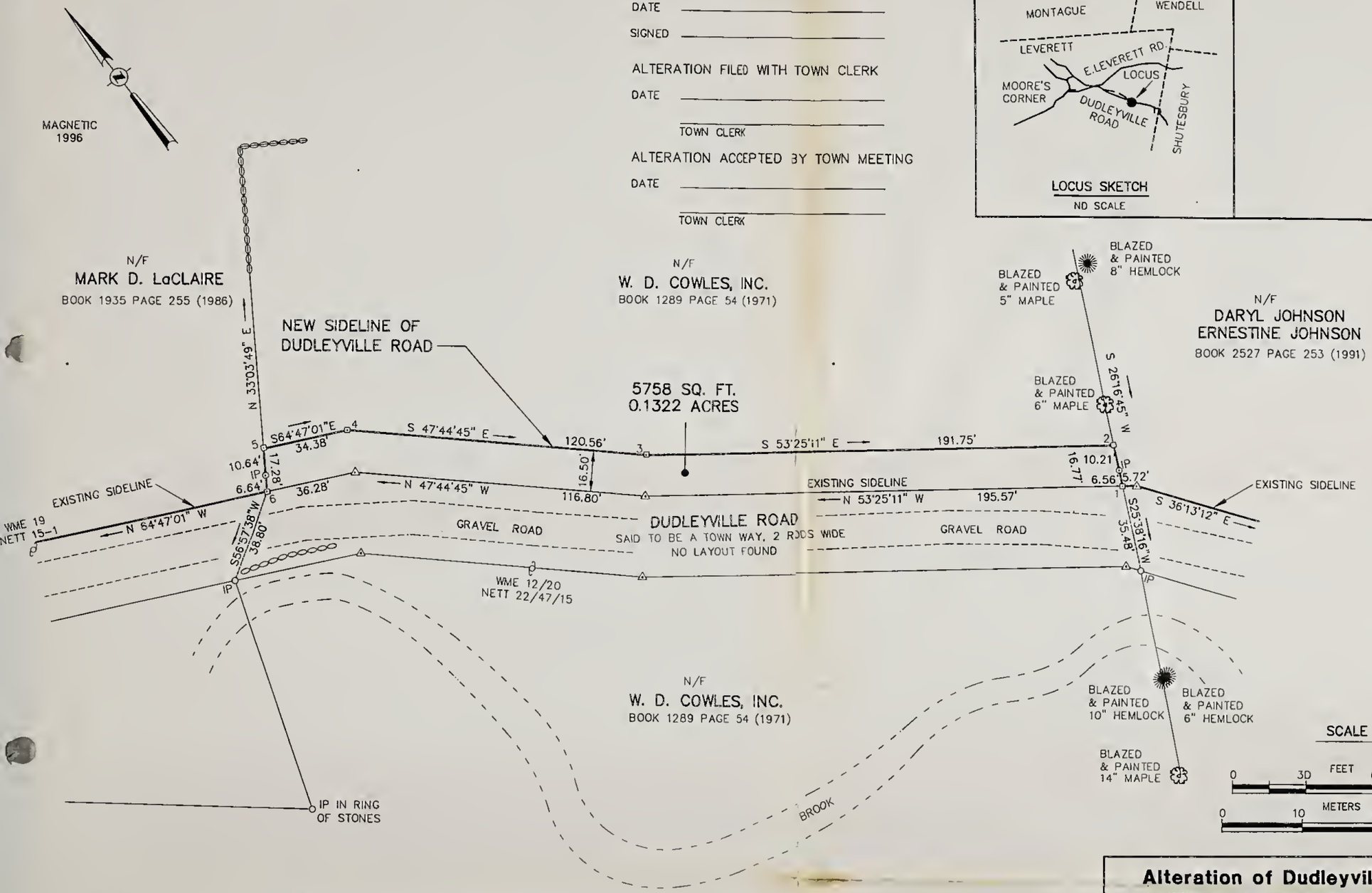

LEGEND

IP	1"X1" IRON POST FOUND
	UTILITY POLE
	UNMARKED POINT
	STONE WALL
5	NUMBERED GRANITE BOUND TO BE SET

NOTE:

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FIELD SURVEY BY E.D.M. TOTAL STATION

REVISIONS	DATE	DESCRIPTION
0	4/25/96	SIGNED & SEALED
DAS 1	6/6/96	GRANITE BOUNDS ADDED

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DOUGLAS A. STEPHENS
No. 34319
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

I HEREBY STATE:

THAT THIS SURVEY AND PLAN CONFORMS TO THE ETHICAL, PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SIGNED: Douglas A. Stephens — DOUGLAS A. STEPHENS, P.L.S. #34319

4/25/96
DATE

Alteration of Dudleyville Road
LEVERETT (Franklin Co.), MA
Surveyed For
TOWN OF LEVERETT

JOB NO. 1215	FIELD: H.R.W. FEB., 1996	PLAN: APRIL 25, 1996	SCALE: 1" = 30'
DRAWING NO.: 1215-A	COMPUTED: R.L.W.	DRAFTED: R.L.W.	CHECKED: DAS

AINSWORTH ASSOCIATES, INC.
Land Surveying – Geographic Information
117 Main St., Greenfield, MA 01302 (413) 774-7248

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In: **ARTICLE VI. DEFINITIONS**

Add after the definition of "Structure":

TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES - includes towers, antennas, buildings and accessory structures designed or modified to provide personal communications services, radio and television broadcast or reception, microwave communications, or similar communication services. Not included are antennas used for personal television and radio reception or radio facilities actively used under a FCC (Federal Communication Commission) amateur radio license.

In Section 2234
Insert after the line beginning "Sale or storage of feed" the following line:

Telecommunications Facilities	N	N	N	SP

In: **ARTICLE IV. SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

Add:

4900 Telecommunication Facilities

4910 Purpose.
The Town of Leverett seeks to allow telecommunication and wireless services with minimal effect to the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize the visual impact of such facilities.

4920 General Provisions.
Telecommunication Facilities may be allowed by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 5300. Conditions shall maximize the shared use of any new or existing structures to minimize the required number of such facilities; and shall minimizing adverse visual impacts through careful design, siting, and screening. No facility shall be located in the Residential/Village (RV), the Residential/Rural (RR) or the General Business (GB) districts.

4930 Conditions. The following conditions shall apply:

a) To the maximum extent possible, all service providers shall co-locate on a single structure. Structures shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of users technologically practical. The intent of this condition is to reduce the number of towers located within the Town.

b) No Facility, shall exceed 150 feet in height as measured from the mean finished grade at the facility base. Exterior lighting of the tower and accessory structures shall be prohibited.

c) New towers shall be free-standing monopoles.

d) Facilities shall not be located within 1500 feet of the peak of a significant hill or located in such a way as to adversely impact the view of a significant hill in the Town.

e) Siting shall be such that the view of the Facility and tower shall be as limited as possible when viewed off site.

f) No tower, inclusive of any attachments, shall be erected nearer to any property line than a distance equal to 125% of its vertical height.

g) Facilities shall be suitably screened from abutters and residential neighborhoods.

h) Fencing shall be provided to control access to Telecommunication Facilities and shall be compatible with the scenic character of the neighborhood and landscape.

i) Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible.

j) All Facilities shall be painted, or otherwise colored, so that they will blend in with the surrounding landscape or the structure on which they are located. A different coloring scheme shall be used below and above the tree or building line.

k) There shall be no storage of vehicles on the site or exterior storage of equipment on the site.

l) To the extent feasible, all network connections and power lines, to and from the Facility, shall be via underground lines.

m) Any access road shall have a minimal impact on the environment and the visual landscape.

4940 Additional Permit Conditions.
The Board of Appeals may require additional conditions or vary the prescribed conditions upon a finding that such action is reasonably necessary to meet the purpose and intent of the Zoning By-laws.

All Facilities, attachment, accessory structures which have not been used for a period of one (1) year shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense. Such expense shall be secured with a performance guarantee in an amount determined by the Board of Appeals and posted in the name of the Town.

4950 Special Permit Submittal Requirements - Telecommunication Facilities

The following materials shall be submitted with the Special Permit application.

a) Site Plan shall be prepared by a registered engineer.
The plan shall include four (4) view lines in a one (1) mile radius from the proposed site, shown beginning at True North and continuing clockwise at ninety (90) degree intervals. In addition the applicant shall set a balloon at the location and height of proposed towers.

b) A report from a registered engineer shall:
1) demonstrate that the facility complies with all applicable standards of the State and Federal governments;
2) describe the capacity of the tower or facility including the number and type of transmitter/receivers that it can accommodate;
3) describes the planned layout of all facilities in Leverett and abutting Towns;
4) describes all accessory structures to be constructed on site.

c) A copy of the requests made by the applicant to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, including responses from those agencies, demonstrating compliance with applicable regulations related to the facility.

d) A locus map at an appropriate scale showing all buildings within 500 feet of the proposed facility.

e) A copy of the co-location agreements.

f) Independent verification of any materials or data submitted as a part of an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be accomplished at the expense of the applicant.

Article 22 -- Rattlesnake Gutter District

Rattlesnake Gutter is Leverett's most unique natural resource. It is a phenomenal treasure which current Leverett residents have inherited. Recognized by geologists and educators, it is enjoyed by naturalists, tourists, and most Leverett residents. Geologist Peter Robinson describes it as "the most spectacular and at the same time the most accessible late glacial spillway in west central Massachusetts. It represents a record of specific events in the immediate geological past that are not likely to be repeated in the age of man on this planet."

The Planning Board is proposing Article 22 to create the fifth overlay protection district in Leverett. The other four protection districts are Aquifer, Lake and Streams, Scenic Roads, and Flood. Work on the Gutter Protection District has been ongoing since 1991, emphasizing protection while attempting to meet the needs of abutting landowners in the Gutter. The major features of Article 22 are:

I. the designation of a 1000 foot district on both sides of the Gutter, to be measured from the midpoint of the road;

II. the prohibition of building within 500 feet of the road, and a required site plan review for any building within the protection district;

III. the provision that logging on lots over five acres require DEM approved cutting plans;

IV. the allowance of tree cutting of up to five cords per year within the 250 foot buffer zone.

Certain Leverett residents consider this article to be too restrictive, others find that it does not provide adequate protection. The Planning Board believes it has crafted Article 22 in a manner which makes compromises in both directions. We are however certain of the basic premise that the Gutter is a truly unique natural resource which requires our vigilant stewardship to preserve it. Geologist John Reid describes: "a fortuitous combination of geological events involving glacial activity, stream erosion, and possibly an ancient earthquake, appears to have been responsible for the creation of the Rattlesnake Gutter... making the Gutter's existence a truly remarkable accident of nature."

Sidney Poritz
Jeffrey McQueen
Co-Chairs, Leverett Planning Board

ARTICLE 22. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE LEVERETT ZONING BY-LAWS BY MAKING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES REGARDING A NEW RATTLESNAKE GUTTER OVERLAY DISTRICT:

Item 1. By adding a new Section 4700 creating the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District as follows:

4700. Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District.

4710. Purpose. It is the intent of this Section 4700 to protect the natural, geological and historic character of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, while providing for reasonable use of private land.

4720. Establishment of District. The Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District is herein established as an overlay district. The Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District includes all land set back one thousand feet on both the north and south sides of Rattlesnake Gutter Road, as measured from the centerline of the traveled portion of the way, situated between the Sawmill River on the east and the stone bridge running under Rattlesnake Gutter Road on the west, near the intersection of Old Cave Hill Road and Rattlesnake Gutter Road, all approximately as shown on a map entitled "Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, Town of Leverett, MA March 1998", hereby appended to and made a part of this by-law.

4721. Where the boundaries of the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District are in doubt or dispute, the burden of proof shall be upon the owner of the land in question to show where the boundaries shall be properly located.

4730. Use Regulations. Within the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, the requirements of the underlying districts continue to apply, except that the following regulations shall supersede otherwise applicable requirements:

4731. Setbacks. No structure shall be permitted within 500 feet of the centerline of the traveled portion of Rattlesnake Gutter Road. Where a structure is proposed on a lot in existence as of March 2, 1998 which cannot meet this requirement because of size or shape, the structure shall be located at the most distant feasible development site from Rattlesnake Gutter Road, as determined by the Planning Board in accordance with section 4740, below.

4732. Buffer Zone. No live vegetation shall be removed, nor shall excavation occur, within 250 feet of the centerline of the traveled portion of Rattlesnake Gutter Road, or within two-thirds the distance between any structure and the front lot line on Rattlesnake Gutter Road, whichever is lessor. The provisions of the prior sentence shall not apply to (a) the cutting of cordwood for the personal use of the lot owner, provided such

cutting (i) shall not exceed 5 cords in any 12 month period and (ii) is in accordance with a cutting plan, with all trees to be cut within the Buffer Zone marked by colored tape or ribbon, which has been approved by the Planning Board or (b) the harvesting of trees in accordance with cutting plans in conformity with all applicable Massachusetts forestry regulations and also approved by the Planning Board prior to any such cutting or (c) the construction of a driveway. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, in the event of a natural disaster or other event threatening the public safety, cutting or removal of live vegetation within the Buffer Zone may occur, after determination of such emergency by the Selectboard, but only to the extent deemed necessary by the Selectboard or their agent.

4740. Site Plan Review. Applications for building permits or special permits within the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District shall be accompanied by four (4) copies of a site plan in accordance with the criteria specified below. The Building Inspector or the special permit granting authority shall forthwith forward such site plans to the Planning Board. Where applicable, the requirements of Section 3900 remain in full force and effect, in addition to these requirements under Section 4700. The Planning Board shall consolidate site plan review in such cases.

4741. Procedure. Site plans accompanying applications for building permits or site plans accompanying applications for special permits shall be processed in accordance with the specifications of Section 3910, above.

4742. Plans: Plans subject to this section shall show:

a. Existing and proposed topography at 10 foot or 3 meter contour intervals;

b. All boundary line information pertaining to the land sufficient to permit location of same on ground, including the location of the frontage for the lot;

c. Location and height of the proposed structure(s); photographs or renderings of the elevation of the proposed structure(s) and any alterations;

d. Parking, access, and egress provisions;

e. Location of existing stonewalls, large trees, and wooded areas, and proposed removal or retention of same;

f. Compliance with all applicable provisions of this Zoning By-Law.

Site plans shall be submitted on 24-inch by 36-inch sheets. Dimensions and scales shall be adequate to determine that all requirements are met and to make a complete analysis and evaluation of the proposal. All plans shall have a minimum scale of 1" =200'.

4743. Decision. Site plan approval shall be granted upon determination by the Planning Board that the development complies, to the maximum extent feasible, with the following criteria and standards. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions, even at the expense of the applicant, to ensure that the criteria and standards have been satisfied. Except where the applicant has removed, or caused to be removed, mature trees from the site, whether pursuant to 304 CMR 11.00 or not, the Planning Board shall not require the planting of mature trees as a condition of site plan approval. New building construction or other site alteration shall be designed in the site plan, after considering the qualities of the specific location, the proposed land use, the design of building form, grading, egress points, and other aspects of the development, so as to:

a. Minimize the number of removed trees 6" caliper or larger and the length of removed stone walls;

b. Minimize disruption of scenic views from publicly accessible locations;

c. Minimize visual intrusion by controlling the visibility of the principal and accessory structures, parking, storage, or other outdoor service areas as viewed from public ways;

4744. Regulations. The Planning Board may adopt and from time to time amend reasonable regulations for the administration of these site plan guidelines.

Item 2. By deleting the last paragraph of section 2110, and substituting the following therefor:

Five additional "overlay" districts are also hereby created: a Stream and Lake Protection District (pursuant to Section 4500), a Flood Hazard District (pursuant to Section 4400), an Aquifer Protection District (pursuant to Section 4300), a Scenic Roads Protection District (pursuant to Section 4600), and a Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District (pursuant to Section 4700).

Item 3. By adding a footnote 7 to the entry termed "Minimum front yard (ft.)" in section 2340, the Dimensional Schedule, so that said entry reads

Minimum front yard (ft.)[5,7]	40	40	40	40

and by adding the following footnote 7 after footnote 6 after said schedule:

7 In the Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District, no structure shall be permitted within 500 feet of the centerline of the traveled portion of Rattlesnake Gutter Road. Where a structure is proposed on a lot in existence as of March 2, 1998, which cannot meet this requirement because of size or shape, the structure shall be located at the most distant feasible development site from Rattlesnake Gutter Road, as determined by the Planning Board in accordance with section 4740, below.

OR WHAT IT WILL DO IN RELATION THERETO

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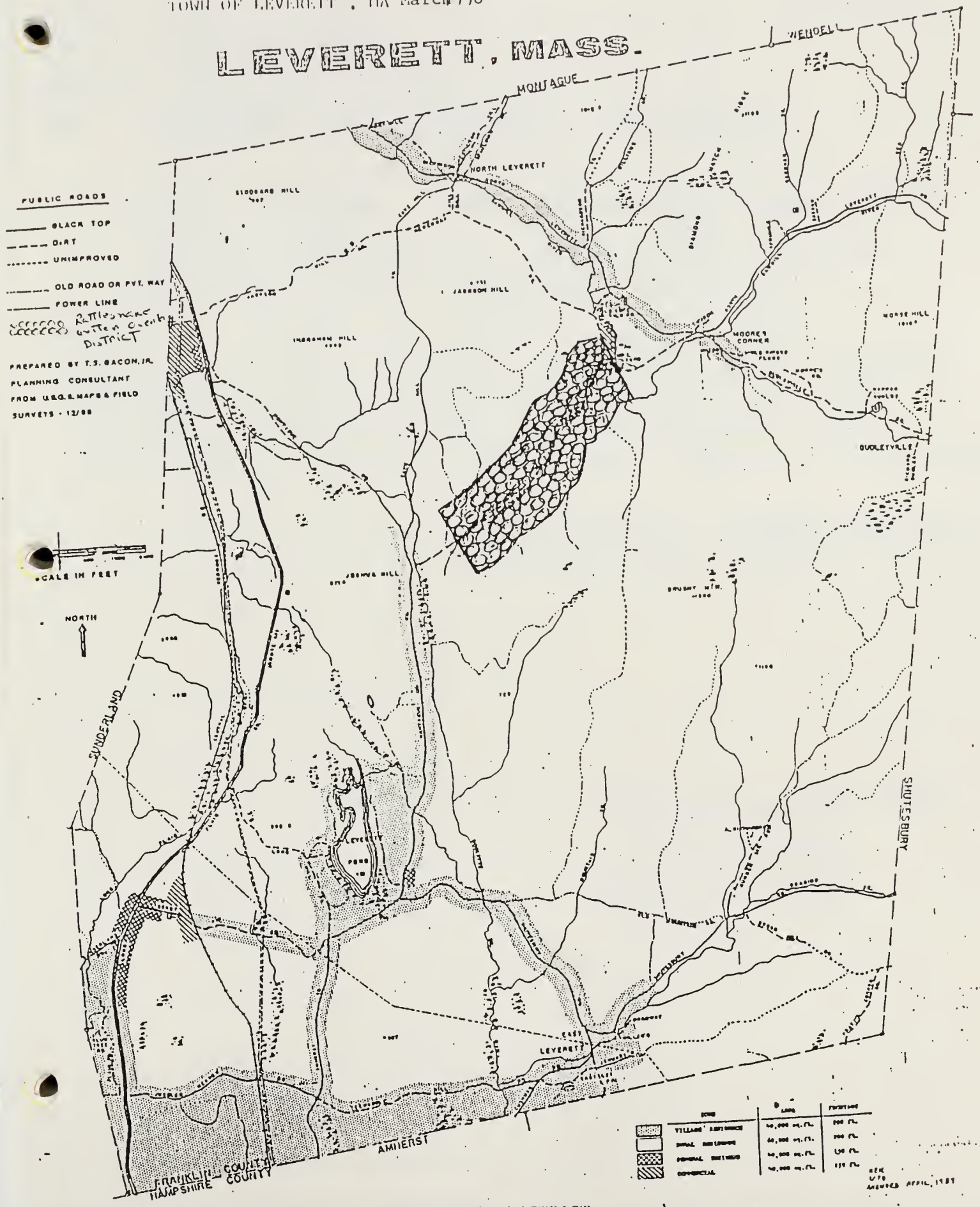
RATTLESNAKE GUTTER OVERLAY DISTRICT
TOWN OF LEVERETT , MA March 1998



RATTLESNAKE GUTTER OVERLAY DISTRICT
TOWN OF LEVERETT, MA March 1998

3/28/98

TO: SELECTMEN
FROM: PLANNING BOARD
RE: REPORT ON WARRANT ARTICLES:

ON 3/18/98 THE PLANNING BOARD HELD A PUBLIC HEARING AS PREVIOUSLY POSTED + PUBLISHED. THE AGENDA INCLUDED ARTICLES 19, 20, 21 + 22. AFTER THE HEARING, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND ALL ARTICLES (19, 20, 21, + 22) TO TOWN MEETING.

SUBMITTED BY JEFF MCQUEEN

Received by Town Clerk
D'Ann Kelty
March 28, 1998
8 45 am

Rattlesnake Gutter Overlay District (not needed, no one has abused Gutter)
4710: Provide reasonable use of private land.

------- Composition of gutter today----------

Consists of four (4) lower parts (1) West End is town owned, top to bottom
Both sides of the Road.
2-3-4: Private land owners on East Side. (2)Jones only one, on South Side of Road.

(3)Lewis & (4)Cliff each approx. ½ of North side of Road. Between ledges and Road.

4732 – Let's analyze this section, in regards to cutting cordwood. I have cut wood on my "Cliff's" lot each year for, I don't know how many years- but several. Before ?1960. And the only one cutting cordwood in this overlay district.

1) Buffer zone 250' no cutting of live trees (vegitation) under the wording, how would I get electric & telephones to a house, if and when I should decide to build one.
2) Provisions of prior sentence shall not apply to a (i) (ii), a (1) 5 cord a year (ii) marking of trees & cutting plan and approval of planning board.

Analyze how each of four (4)sections is affected.

1) Town owned- not affected. Does not cut cordwood for use of lot owner.
2) Jones- not affected. Does not cut cordwood for use of owner- Land is under Chapter 61, which required a cutting plan as is exempt from this section and approval of planning board.
3) Lewis- not affected. Does not cut cordwood for use of owner.

------- What's left---------

4) Cliff's- Only one affected- cuts cordwood for family use & has for years.

We are now down to one (1) small spot on the gutter. Mine "Cliff's(4) "

What is required for me to continue to cut cordwood on my lot?

1) Under the bylaw I am restricted to five- (5) cord a year in 250': equals est. 70- 80 % of lot.
2) Under the bylaw I must have a cutting plan with all trees to be cut marked with tape or ribbon (no one else in town).

- Note- no other person in town of Leverett is required to get cutting plan with trees marked, in order to cut cordwood on their own land or no other person is restricted in the amounts of wood to cut on his own land.(1&2 above)

------- Results of proposal on wood cutting---------

1) Applies to one (1) spot, one (1) person. (Isn't this spot zoning?)
2) Restricted to five- (5) cord per year. (Isn't this spot zoning?)

3) Must get cutting plan & tree marked from Forester.
4) Must get approval of ~~conservation commission~~. Planning Board

- Note:Not a reasonable use of private land. Refer 4710

Recommended----------

1) Buffer zone Reduce 250' to 100' as defined in Chapter 132 Mass Gen. Law, under Scenic Roads.
~~2) Raise five (5) cords to seven(7) cords of wood a year.~~
3) Eliminate under (a) section (I) and (ii).

- Note- All this to save the authentic or scenic view from the Gutter Road. And isn't necessary,. in the first place.

Point of interest

An acre of land produces fifty(50) cord of wood. At eight(8) acres this equals four hundred (400) cords of wood, available at seven(7) cords a year. If taken fifty-seven (57) years to cut, all trees in this time. The first trees cut have re-grown and are ready to cut again. Never is there a lack of trees that affects the scenic value of the gutter. As evident by looking at the gutter today, especially my"Cliff's" lot, where I have cut cordwood for years. IT DOESN'T SHOW.

Notice of Planning Bd.
Hearings

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1998-1999
REVISED PROPOSED BUDGET

MARCH 3, 1998

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGETARY FIGURES
PROPOSED
1998-1999

ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT TITLE	1997 final	1998 original	1998 final	1999 proposed	change curr/appr
ADMINISTRATION							
L02 LVE	1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-LOCAL	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	1	1	1	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-62	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	500	500
L02 LVE	1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSE	250	250	250	250	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-6C	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	600	600	600	0
L02 LVE	1209-000-69	CENSUS	50	50	50	50	0
L02 U28	1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-UNION	130	134	134	125	-9
L02 U28	1109-000-42	FINANCIAL AUDIT-GRANTS	780	803	803	753	-50
L02 U28	1109-000-60	EDUC LEADERSHIP IMPRVMT DUES	503	508	508	566	58
L02 U28	1209-000-10	SUPT'S SALARY	19,548	20,615	20,615	19,915	-700
L02 U28	1209-000-11	ASST SUPT'S SALARY	12,526	13,338	13,338	12,663	-675
L02 U28	1209-000-20	SECRETARY'S SALARY	7,452	7,934	7,934	7,755	-179
L02 U28	1209-000-21	FINANCIAL ASST'S SALARY	8,840	10,031	10,031	0	-10,031
L02 U28	1209-000-22	BOOKKEEPER'S SALARY	4,515	4,748	4,748	11,359	6,611
L02 U28	1209-000-40	MACHINE RENTAL CONTRACT	137	140	140	132	-8
L02 U28	1209-000-41	MACHINE MAINTENANCE	598	615	615	502	-113
L02 U28	1209-000-42	COMPUTER CONTRACTED SERVICES	910	936	936	878	-58
L02 U28	1209-000-43	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	1,145	1,145	176	-969
L02 U28	1209-0SL-43	SUB CALLER	0	0	0	928	928
L02 U28	1209-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	624	642	642	602	-40
L02 U28	1209-000-51	POSTAGE	910	936	936	803	-133
L02 U28	1209-000-52	PRINTING EXPENSE	130	134	134	125	-9
L02 U28	1209-000-53	CLASSIFIED ADS	416	428	428	627	199
L02 U28	1209-000-62	SUPT'S CONFERENCE	676	696	696	828	132
L02 U28	1209-000-63	PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY	198	187	187	251	64
L02 U28	1209-000-64	SUPT'S TRAVEL	553	569	569	533	-36
L02 U28	1209-000-67	ASST SUPT'S TRAVEL	430	442	442	415	-27
L02 U28	1209-000-69	OTHER CONFERENCES	130	134	134	187	53
		TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	61,907	67,016	67,016	62,524	-4,492

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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ACCOUNT NUMBER			ACCOUNT TITLE	1997 final	1998 approved	1998 final	1999 proposed	change curr/appr
INSTRUCTION								
L02	LVE	2201-000-10	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	53,060	53,060	53,060	54,400	1,340
L02	LVE	2201-000-20	CLERICAL SALARY	19,215	20,066	21,006	21,610	604
L02	LVE	2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	3,200	3,800	3,800	4,100	300
L02	LVE	2201-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
L02	LVE	2201-000-69	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	700	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02	LVE	2250-000-50	ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY	0	1	1	500	499
L02	LVE	2300-000-10	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINGENCY	0	22,069	8,793	0	-8,793
L02	LVE	2301-000-10	TEACHERS' SALARIES	516,729	540,199	531,300	525,229	-6,071
L02	LVE	2301-000-30	TEACHER AIDES' SALARIES	42,987	50,583	59,482	72,641	13,159
L02	LVE	2301-000-40	ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER	300	0	0	0	0
L02	LVE	2301-000-41	SUBSTITUTES' SALARIES	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,500	500
L02	LVE	2301-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	0
L02	LVE	2301-000-56	SUMMER PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	7,702	7,702
L02	LVE	2301-00K-50	KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	1,000	900	900	900	0
L02	LVE	2302-000-17	NURSE'S SALARY-SPED	14,238	11,453	14,183	16,894	2,711
L02	LVE	2302-000-40	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	19,500	19,500	19,500	25,870	6,370
L02	LVE	2302-000-64	SPED TRAVEL	25	25	25	25	0
L02	LVE	2302-000-90	EARLY CHILDHOOD SPED SUPPORT	1,117	6,165	6,165	0	-6,165
L02	LVE	2309-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	300	300	300	10,000	9,700
L02	LVE	2350-000-41	PROF DEV SUBSTITUTES' SALARIES	1,700	2,000	2,000	2,500	500
L02	LVE	2350-000-50	PROF LIBRARY-STAFF	400	400	400	600	200
L02	LVE	2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000
L02	LVE	2401-000-50	TEXTBOOKS & INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0
L02	LVE	2450-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE	1,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	1,000
L02	LVE	2501-000-10	LIBRARIAN'S SALARY	6,516	6,516	0	0	0
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L02	LVE	2501-000-50	LIBRARY MATERIALS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	500
L02	LVE	2601-000-50	AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
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L02 LVE	3302-000-40	SPED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	550	0	-550
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L02 LVE	4129-000-66	FUEL	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0
L02 LVE	4139-000-65	SCHOOL POWER	19,275	21,775	21,775	21,775	0
L02 LVE	4139-000-68	SCHOOL TELEPHONE	2,900	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
L02 LVE	4219-000-69	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,500	900
L02 LVE	4229-000-69	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	11,950	12,000	12,000	13,000	1,000
L02 LVE	4230-000-69	EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE	10,100	10,500	10,500	7,600	-2,900
L02 LVE	4239-000-64	MAINTENANCE TRAVEL	775	775	775	775	0
L02 LVE	4239-000-69	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	5,050	5,050	5,050	8,450	3,400
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L02 LVE	5209-000-6S	STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0
L02 U28	5209-000-6D	DISABILITY INSURANCE	94	96	96	90	-6
L02 U28	5309-000-6E	CENTRAL OFFICE RENT	1,144	1,231	1,231	1,154	-77
		TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	2,738	2,827	2,827	2,769	-58

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ACQUISITION/IMPROVEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS							
L02	LVE	7409-000-80	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	4,200	4,200
L02	U28	7309-000-80	CENTRAL OFFICE NEW EQUIPMENT	650	669	669	627	-42
L02	U28	7309-0SL-81	SUB CALLER EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	1	1
			TOTAL ACQUISITION/IMPROVEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS	650	669	669	4,828	4,159
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS							
L02	LVE	9102-000-90	SPED TUITION	1,700	0	2,032	0	-2,032
L02	LVE	9101-000-69	EXTRAORDINARY CONSULTATIONS	0	0	0	5,018	5,018
			TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS	1,700	0	2,032	5,018	2,986
			GRAND TOTAL	938,641	1,014,119	1,014,119	1,051,082	36,963

Fy 99 Budget Deficit

The budget being presented at town meeting is approximately $63,000 in deficit. Reduced revenues are primarily responsible for the short fall, the largest component being a reduction of $41,701 in Chapter 70 aid. Although there may be some additional revenue, even the most optimistic calculations would reduce the deficit to about $42,200. It is also possible that new growth may be lower than our estimate and this would increase the deficit.

The budget must be in balance before the tax rate can be set. This can be accomplished by either an override vote or by the use of free cash.

IMPACT OF OVERRIDE ON THE TAX RATE

Fy 98 Tax Rate	$20.43
Fy 99 Estimated Tax Rate with expenditures to the Levy Limit	$21.11
Fy 99 Estimated Tax Rate with an override	$21.68

USE OF FREE CASH

Free Cash balance before town meeting		$345,406
Free Cash for articles	$119,577	
Free Cash for deficit	63,000	
Free Cash balance		$162,829
Estimated Tax Rate		$21.11

Leverett Elementary School Budget Overview

Category	*FY98*	*FY99*	*Difference*	*Discussion*
Union 28 Admin.	65,115	60,123	(4,992)	Leverett share decreased from 26.75% to 25.09% Financial Asst./Bookkeeper 2 positions - replaced by bookkeeper
Local Admin.	84,768	88,011	3,243	Salary increases
Regular Ed. Teachers	446,722	429,623	(17,099)	Eliminated one 1st grade position 2% raises for some, step increases for others Increase in computer, art and gym teacher time
Regular Ed. Aides	40,758	45,951	5,193	Raises, increases from partial year to full year
Instructional Costs	63,692	78,796	15,104	Professional Development, software, instructional supplies and world language
SPED	166,437	191,276	24,839	Increase in aide time, obligatory summer programs, creation of union-wide contingency fund to handle extraordinary circumstances
Other Services	17,583	20,549	2,966	Increase in nurse time, health insurance for food service team
Plant Operations	125,548	129,156	3,608	Oil tank alarm, sandblast oil tank
Fixed Charges	2,827	2,769	(58)	Decrease in Leverett share of U28 disability insurance and rent
Equipment	669	4,828	4,159	Purchase of food service mixer & stove
TOTALS	1,014,119	1,051,082	36,963	

Category Explanations

Category:	*Explanation:*
Union 28 Admin.	Central Office administration and overhead
Local Administration	Principal, clerical office machine maintenance, office supplies, legal counsel, and School Committee expenses
Regular Ed. Teachers	Grade level and special teachers
Regular Ed. Aides	Aides for pre-school, kindergarten, large classes and library
Instructional Costs	Textbooks, computer hardware, software, internet connection, library materials, audio visual materials, instructional supplies, collective bargaining and substitutes
SPED	SPED teachers (including speech) SPED aides Evaluations and assessments Summer Programs - pre-school and residential Psychologist
Other School Services	Nurse, nurse's aide, health supplies and food services
Plant Operations	Custodial salaries, utilities, building maintenance, grounds maintenance and equipment maintenance
Fixed charges	Insurance
Equipment	Stove, mixer, etc.

1 Fy 99 Operating Budget 03/17

	98	99	Change	% Change
General Government	136,074	137,025	951	0.70
Public Safety	130,033	146,426	16,393	12.61
Elementary School	1,014,119	1,051,082	36,963	3.64
Regional School	827,197	884,769	57,572	6.96
Other School Expense	231,475	224,667	(6,808)	(2.94)
Public Works	238,585	246,777	8,192	3.43
Human Services	14,089	16,258	2,169	15.39
Culture /Recreation	19,168	21,229	2,061	10.75
Debt Service	61,494	64,066	2,572	4.18
Miscellaneous	98,800	117,124	18,324	18.55
Total	2,771,034	2,909,423	138,389	4.99

1 Fy 99 Operating Budget 03/24

ARTICLE	R/A	Free Cash	Stabilization	Borrow	Available Funds
Art. 2 Operating	2,909,423				
Art. 5 Assess Computer		8,600			
Art. 6 CC Land fund		2,500			
Art 8 Fire Truck		60,000	130,000		
Art.9 Diesel/gas tank		33,000			
Art.10 Garage Doors		8,600			
Art. 11 Fire Dept Door		1,200			
Art. 12 Garage Roof		2,000			
Art. 13 Road Machinery					5,795
Art. 14 Foreclosure		1,550			
Art. 15 Public Safety				10,000	
Art. 16 School design				15,000	
Art. 17 Well test		2,127			
TOTAL	2,909,423	119,577	130,000	25,000	5,795.00
SUMMARY					
EXPENDITURES					
1. Operating Budget	2,909,423				
2. R/A Articles	0				
3. Cherry Sheet Charges	1,200				
4. Overlay	30,000				
5. Free Cash	119,577				
6. Stabilization	130,000				
7. Available Funds	5,795				
8. CS Charges	1,200				
9. Offsets	3,270				
Total	3,200,465				
REVENUE					
1. Tax Levy	2,308,381				
2. Local Aid (est.)*	343,799				
3. Local Receipts	230,000				
4. Free Cash	119,577				
5. Stabilization	130,000				
6. Available Funds	5,795				
Total	3,137,552				
Deficit	62,913				
* Uses 173,164 figure fo					

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REVISED PROPOSED BUDGET

MARCH 3, 1998

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ADMINISTRATION							
L02 LVE	1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-LOCAL	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	1	1	1	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-62	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	500	500
L02 LVE	1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSE	250	250	250	250	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-6C	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	600	600	600	0
L02 LVE	1209-000-69	CENSUS	50	50	50	50	0
L02 U28	1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-UNION	130	134	134	125	-9
L02 U28	1109-000-42	FINANCIAL AUDIT-GRANTS	780	803	803	753	-50
L02 U28	1109-000-60	EDUC LEADERSHIP IMPRVMT DUES	503	508	508	566	58
L02 U28	1209-000-10	SUPT'S SALARY	19,548	20,615	20,615	19,915	-700
L02 U28	1209-000-11	ASST SUPT'S SALARY	12,526	13,338	13,338	12,663	-675
L02 U28	1209-000-20	SECRETARY'S SALARY	7,452	7,934	7,934	7,755	-179
L02 U28	1209-000-21	FINANCIAL ASST'S SALARY	8,840	10,031	10,031	0	-10,031
L02 U28	1209-000-22	BOOKKEEPER'S SALARY	4,515	4,748	4,748	11,359	6,611
L02 U28	1209-000-40	MACHINE RENTAL CONTRACT	137	140	140	132	-8
L02 U28	1209-000-41	MACHINE MAINTENANCE	598	615	615	502	-113
L02 U28	1209-000-42	COMPUTER CONTRACTED SERVICES	910	936	936	878	-58
L02 U28	1209-000-43	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	1,145	1,145	176	-969
L02 U28	1209-0SL-43	SUB CALLER	0	0	0	928	928
L02 U28	1209-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	624	642	642	602	-40
L02 U28	1209-000-51	POSTAGE	910	936	936	803	-133
L02 U28	1209-000-52	PRINTING EXPENSE	130	134	134	125	-9
L02 U28	1209-000-53	CLASSIFIED ADS	416	428	428	627	199
L02 U28	1209-000-62	SUPT'S CONFERENCE	676	696	696	828	132
L02 U28	1209-000-63	PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY	198	187	187	251	64
L02 U28	1209-000-64	SUPT'S TRAVEL	553	569	569	533	-36
L02 U28	1209-000-67	ASST SUPT'S TRAVEL	430	442	442	415	-27
L02 U28	1209-000-69	OTHER CONFERENCES	130	134	134	187	53
		TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	61,907	67,016	67,016	62,524	-4,492

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INSTRUCTION								
L02	LVE	2201-000-10	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	53,060	53,060	53,060	54,400	1,340
L02	LVE	2201-000-20	CLERICAL SALARY	19,215	20,066	21,006	21,610	604
L02	LVE	2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	3,200	3,800	3,800	4,100	300
L02	LVE	2201-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
L02	LVE	2201-000-69	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	700	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02	LVE	2250-000-50	ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY	0	1	1	500	499
L02	LVE	2300-000-10	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINGENCY	0	22,069	8,793	0	-8,793
L02	LVE	2301-000-10	TEACHERS' SALARIES	516,729	540,199	531,300	525,229	-6,071
L02	LVE	2301-000-30	TEACHER AIDES' SALARIES	42,987	50,583	59,482	72,641	13,159
L02	LVE	2301-000-40	ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER	300	0	0	0	0
L02	LVE	2301-000-41	SUBSTITUTES' SALARIES	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,500	500
L02	LVE	2301-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	0
L02	LVE	2301-000-56	SUMMER PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	7,702	7,702
L02	LVE	2301-00K-50	KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	1,000	900	900	900	0
L02	LVE	2302-000-17	NURSE'S SALARY-SPED	14,238	11,453	14,183	16,894	2,711
L02	LVE	2302-000-40	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	19,500	19,500	19,500	25,870	6,370
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Town of Leverett School Building Committee
Interim Report 2/24/98

What is the Building Committee?

It is a committee of the town with members appointed by the Select Board. Our purpose is (1) to review the Leverett School Committee's recommendations for renovating and improving the school building; (2) to submit a warrant to Town Meeting to permit the townspeople of Leverett to decide whether to embark on a building project; and (3) to monitor the planning and construction should Town Meeting vote its approval.

What is the timetable for making a decision?

Once every thirty years, the state provides 67% reimbursement of the planning and construction costs for an approved school building project for each town or city in the state. The Massachusetts Department of Education staff has evaluated the Leverett School Committee draft proposal for extensive renovations and a six room addition and has confirmed that it qualifies as "approvable" under the current School Building Assistance Act and Regulations. Plans developed for Leverett must be submitted to the state by June 1, 1999 and approved for reimbursement by the Board of Education for fiscal year 2000 to be on the funding list for 2003, if current patterns continue. For each year that we delay adding Leverett to the state building list, there will be a 2- to 3-year construction delay. In the interim, the School Building Committee is working with the building committees for the library and the community safety building to coordinate septic and water supply issues.

What has the Building Committee done?

We have reviewed the School Needs Assessment which the School Committee submitted to the state. We have investigated state health, safety and education mandates to identify existing and potential violations in our school. We have established links with the building committees for the library and community safety complex to coordinate plans for the well and septic systems. We have sought school enrollment projections to tailor the scope of any building project to anticipated need. We have toured the school and interviewed the custodian. We have interviewed the principal and studied the relationship of identified educational needs to existing space in the school.

What does the Committee intend to propose at Town Meeting in March?

The Building Committee will submit a warrant seeking appropriation of funds for a feasibility study by an architect, to address:

1. Upgrade of the existing school building to meet current health, safety and educational needs.
2. Addition of space to replace obsolete portable classrooms and off-premises preschool, and to provide necessary room for special education and storage.

Existing Structural Deficiencies at the Leverett Elementary School

Electrical: ground wires; install circuit breakers to replace fuses; move classroom outlets
Heating: replace failing boiler; provide thermostatic controls and night setbacks to automate heating system and regulate distribution; install low-temp alarm
Roof: replace degrading roof and add insulation package for gym roof
Security: install security system
Walkways: move walkways away from beneath eaves for safety in the winter
Windows: replace and reconfigure gym windows to increase light, to provide ventilation and to eliminate recurrent breakage
Storage: add storage for piano and folding chairs to make gym safer; add storage for music and art equipment and supplies
Flooring: replace hallway flooring with non-asbestos flooring that will be more durable and more easily repaired; replace damaged gym floor with flooring which has appropriate cushioning and can be properly maintained

Educational Needs Identified by the School Committee as Not Adequately Serviced in the Existing Building

Classrooms to Replace the Portable Classrooms
Preschool Classroom Space
Additional Classroom Space
Library Storage and Teaching Facilities
Special Education and Reading
Music and Art
Teacher Work Space
Access to Classrooms

How can the townspeople of Leverett make their views known?

The Building Committee meets generally on the first and third Mondays and the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Town Hall. Please contact any committee member with comments or suggestions, or to request time to address the Committee at one of our meetings.

The details and scope of the renovations and addition will be hammered out during the feasibility study. The Building Committee will hold several public meetings to discuss the plans. No decision on design or scope of the ultimate building project will be made until the Town votes next September on the completed plans. The issue before Town Meeting in March is whether to commission a feasibility study.

Members of the Building Committee

Fay Zipkowitz, *Chair;* Thomas Ewing, *Vice-chair*; Cliff Blinn; Laurie Brown; Ted Hallstrom; Michael Katz; Martin Moore; Betsy Neisner

TOWN OF LEVERETT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 1997

MINUTES

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:02pm by Moderator Gary Gruber, a quorum being deemed present. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, motion seconded and passed.

Article One: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $197.23 which represents the town's share of the Franklin County dog monies from the General Fund to the Library Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 172.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to transfer the sum of $197.23 which represents the town's share of the Franklin County dog monies from the General Fund to the Library Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 172.
Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Two: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from available funds a sum not to exceed $4500.00 to pay for additional testing of water samples from private wells and the landfill monitoring wells in order to comply with directives from the Department of Environmental Protection for the completion of the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

Donald Gibavic: I move that town vote to expend from free cash $4500.00 to pay for additional testing of water samples from private wells and the landfill monitoring wells in order to comply with directives from the Department of Environmental Protection for the completion of the Comprehensive Site Assessment.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $10,000.00 to renovate the Town Hall bathrooms.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to expend from free cash the sum of $10,000.00 to renovate the Town Hall bathrooms.
Motion was seconded, recommended by the Finance Committee, and carried unanimously.

Article Four: To see if the town will vote to expend from available funds a sum not to exceed $6,100.00 to reconstruct the intersection of North Leverett and Chestnut Hill Roads.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to expend from free cash $6,100.00 to reconstruct the intersection of North Leverett Road and Chestnut Hill Road.
Motion was seconded. After some discussion there was a motion to pass over the article. The motion to pass over was seconded and carried.
Article was passed over.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $950.00 to construct a concrete pad at the transfer station.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to expend from free cash $950.00 to construct a concrete pad at the transfer station.
Motion was seconded, recommended by the Finance Committee and carried.

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to expend from available funds $6,328.12 as a bill of prior years to pay for additional salary costs for the Leverett Elementary School.

Michael Katz: I move the town vote to expend $6,328.12 from the FY98 elementary school operating budget to pay a bill of prior years for additional salary expenses at the school.
Motion was seconded. There was a motion to have a ballot vote, motion was seconded and failed.
Main motion carried unanimously.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Matthew Corcoran: I move that $200,000 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or other financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works or any other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all the funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.
Motion was seconded and recommended by the Finance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $1,503 from available funds to the Fire Department operating budget.

Donald Gibavic: I move the town vote to transfer from funds received from the sale of the brush truck, $500 to the Fire Department salary category and $1,003 to the Fire Department expenses category in the FY 98 operating budget and change the operating budget total for FY 98 to $2,771,343.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:55pm. Motion was seconded and carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

Town of Leverett Special Town Meeting

September 29, 1997

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM at said Leverett, on Monday September 29, 1997 at 8:00 in the evening (8:00 PM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $197.23 which represents the town's share of the Franklin County dog monies from the General Fund to the Library Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 172.

Article Two: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from available funds a sum not to exceed $ 4,500.00 to pay for additional testing of water samples from private wells and the landfill monitoring wells in order to comply with directives from the Department of Environmental Protection for the completion of the Comprehensive Site Assessment.

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $10,000 to renovate the Town Hall bathrooms.

Article Four: To see if the town will vote to expend from available funds a sum not to exceed $ 6,100.00 to reconstruct the intersection of North Leverett and Chestnut Hill Roads.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $950.00 to construct a concrete pad at the transfer station.

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to expend from available funds $6,328.12 as a bill of prior years to pay for additional salary costs for the Leverett Elementary School.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair. replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $1,503 from available funds to the Fire Department operating budget.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8 day of September, A.D. 1997.

A true copy I attest:
D'Ann Sauer Kelty
D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD LEVERETT

Donald L. Gibavic

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

James Perkins

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date:_____ Constable: _____

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIO[illegible]ND SOURCES OF FUNDING

City / Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY* 98	(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate (Tax Levy)	(c) From Free Cash See B-1	(d) From Other Avaialble Funds See B-2	(e) From Offset Receipts, See A-1 or Enterprise Funds, See-A-2	(f) *** Revolving Funds See A-3	(g) Borrowing Authorization
		APPROPRIATIONS					AUTHORIZATIONS MEMO ONLY	
09/29/97	1	to library			197.23	county dog $$		
	2	well monitor		4500.00				
	3	TH bathrooms		10,000.00				
	4	passed over						
	5	concrete pad @ trans. sta.		950.00				
	6	BPY			6,328.12	current school budget		
	7	septic sys.						200,000.00
	8	to fire salaries		500.00				
	8	to fire expenses		1,003.00				
Totals		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

* Enter in this column the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 1997 or fiscal 1998.

**Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source. Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

***Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by Town Meeting/City Council.

Diane Kelty

City/Town _____ Date _____ Clerk _____ Tel. No. _____

DA-82 LOAN AUTHORIZATION REPORT FORM

Town/~~District~~: Leverett

INFORMATION CONCERNING ~~ANNUAL~~ SPECIAL) MEETING CALLED FOR September 29, 19 97

Article 7 passed on September 29, 19 97 authorizing a loan of

$ 200,000 for septic system repair program

ATTESTED COPY OF WARRANT:

Posted: Date September 11, 1997 Places* as required

Published in newspaper: Date(s) n.a.

Warrant or notice mailed: Date n.a.

To whom: _____

Additional Notification Requirements: none Were these met? _____

VOTE COUNT (Unanimous or Actual Vote Count): unanimous

PLEASE ATTACH CERTIFIED COPY OF THE VOTE AS PASSED
PLEASE ALSO ATTACH RESULTS OF DEBT EXCLUSION VOTE, IF ANY

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADJOURNED SESSION: n.a.
Warrant or notice of adjournment:

Posted: Date _____ Places* _____

Published: Date(s) _____ Mailed: Date _____

Additional Requirements _____ Were these met? _____

QUORUM:
Number or percentage required: 5% of voters Was quorum present? yes

Finance/Advisory) Committee meeting posted: Date September 22, 1997

If vote subject to referendum, were requirements met? n.a.

Is litigation pending which would affect the validity of this vote? no

I hereby certify that this information
is correct to the best of my knowledge.

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town or ~~District~~ Clerk

* If Places are Specified by By-Law or Vote, list actual places posted.

Debt Section
Division of Local Services
P.O. Box 9655
Boston, MA 02114-9655

Tel: (617) 727-2300 ext. 509 or 510
FAX: (617) 727-6432

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Matthew Corcoran: I move that $200,000 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or other financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works or any other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all the funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.
Motion was seconded and recommended by the Finance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Leverett Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEVERETT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 5, 1997
MINUTES

The 222nd Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Leverett was called to order at 9:12am by Moderator Gary Gruber, who declared a quorum present. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Motion was seconded and carried. The moderator called for a moment of silence to remember those townspeople who had passed away during the past year.

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law of Town bylaw.

The following offices were declared vacant, and the following individuals were voted to fill those vacancies. There were no contested elections.
Assessor, 3 year term: George Gibavic
Auditor, 1 year term: Steve Nagy
Board of Health, 3 year term: Steve Blinn
Board of Health, 2 year term: no candidate nominated
Library Trustee, two 3 year terms: Susan Nagy, Robert Schuyler
Constable, 3 year term: Ethan Howard
Finance Committee, two 3 year terms: Richard Roberts Jr. no candidate
Finance Committee, 2 year term: John Ridgway
Assistant Moderator, 1 year: Nancy Gibavic
Planning Board, 5 years: Gary MacLean
School Committee, two 3 year terms: Charles Paulin, Michael Katz
School Committee, two 1 year terms: Laurie Brown, Laurie Millman
Selectboard, 3 years: James Perkins
Tree Warden, 1 year: Will Stratford

Chair of the Selectboard Donald Gibavic acknowledged the 6+ years of service of outgoing Selectboard member Alice Rarig.

Article Two: To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 151, Section 20 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1996 allowing Minimum Contributions to the Region for FY98 to be assessed in accordance with the Amherst-Pelham Regional Agreement.

Robert Stachowiak: I move that the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 151, Section 20 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1996 allowing Minimum Contributions to the Region for FY98 to be assessed in accordance with the Amherst-Pelham Regional Agreement.
Motion seconded, supported by the Finance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

Moderator Gruber read through the line items in the proposed FY98 budget. There were holds called on Planning Board, Elementary School, Regional Schools, Street Lights.
John Swartz moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $924,474.00 for the unheld items in the budget. Motion was seconded and carried.

Peter d'Errico moved that the town raise and appropriate $1350 for the Planning Board budget. Motion was seconded and carried.

Charles Paulin moved that the Elementary School budget be reduced by $9000 from $1,023,119 to 1,014,119. motion was seconded and supported by Finance Committee. Motion carried.
Alice Rarig moved that the budget be further reduced to $1,000,119. Motion was seconded, votes were yes: 44, no: 50. Motion failed.

Charles Paulin moved that the town raise and appropriate $1,014,119 for the elementary school FY98 budget. Motion was seconded and carried.

Donald Gibavic moved that the Regional School budget be reduced to $800,000. Motion was seconded but did not carry.

Robert Stachowiak moved that the town raise and appropriate $827,197 for the Regional School budget. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bill Rivers moved that the town raise and appropriate $2700 for streetlights. Motion was seconded and carried.

Moderator Gruber announced that **the total budget for FY98 was $2,679,840. This figure was moved, seconded and carried.**

Article Four: To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

Motion was seconded and supported by the Finance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $80,000 to buy and equip a dump truck for the Highway Department.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town vote to expend $40,000 from the Stabilization Fund, expend $16,331.50 from the Road Machinery Account and take $23,669 from Free Cash to buy and equip a dump truck for the Highway Department.
Motion was seconded and supported by the Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to transfer $16,331.50 form the Road Machinery Fund for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

Article was passed over.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $4000 to buy two air packs for the Fire Department.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $4000 to buy two air packs for the Fire Department.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,500 which is the towns matching share for the fires year of a three year grant for hiring a full time police officer.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate $8,500 which is the towns matching share for the first year of a three year grant for hiring a full time police officer.
Finance Committee recommended this by a vote of 2-1.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Nine: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $5000 to design an elevator or lift to provide access to the second floor of the Town Hall in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $5000 to design an elevator or lift to provide access to the second floor of the Town Hall in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Ten: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $8,200 to pay for the remaining outstanding costs of closing the landfill.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town vote to transfer $1,043.72 from the Landfill Closure Trust Fund and raise and appropriate $7156.28 to pay for the remaining outstanding costs of closing the landfill.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

At 12:00 Moderator Gruber called for a lunch recess, and announced that the meeting would reconvene at 1:00.
Meeting reconvened at 1:05.

Article Eleven: To see if the town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 50 which is a local option property tax exemption for residential improvements to provide housing for the elderly.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to accept MGL Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 50 which is a local option property tax exemption for residential improvements to provide housing for the elderly.
Finance Committee had no recommendation due to lack of information. **Motion was seconded and carried.**

Article Twelve: To see if the town will vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town."

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town."
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Thirteen: To see if the town will vote to accept the Charter establishing the Franklin Regional Council of Governments as proposed by the Franklin Regional Charter Commission for the purpose of providing regional municipal services pursuant to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, Section 567, as amended, or take any other action or votes in relation thereto.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to accept the Charter establishing the Franklin Regional Council of Governments as proposed by the Franklin Regional Charter Commission for the purpose of providing regional municipal services pursuant to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, Section 567, as amended, or take any other action or votes in relation thereto.
Motion was seconded. Jay DiPucchio, Administrator from the County Commissioners office, explained the proposed changes to the structure of County government. Finance Committee supported the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Article Fourteen: Top see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the following revolving funds: The Night Custodian Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993; the Library Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994; The Telephone Book Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995; the Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 14 1995; the Town Hall Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 17, March 30, 1996.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to authorize the continuation of the following revolving funds: The Night Custodian Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993; the Library Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994; The Telephone Book Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995; the Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 14 1995; the Town Hall Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 17, March 30, 1996.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Fifteen: To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 40 Section 6C of the Massachusetts General Laws which provides that the town may appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private roads.

The moderator announced that it was his understanding to **pass over this article**. No objections were raised.

Article Sixteen: To see if the town will accept Chapter 32B Section 15 Clause a of the Massachusetts General Laws which allows the town to offer eligible employees group long term disability, dental or vision care. The town would not be obligated to pay all or any part of the premium for such coverage.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the town accept Chapter 32B Section 15 Clause a of the Massachusetts General Laws which allows the town to offer eligible employees group long term disability, dental or vision care. The town would not be obligated to pay all or any part of the premium for such coverage.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

There was a motion to adjourn at 1:53pm. Motion was seconded and carried.

D'Ann Sauer Kelley
Town Clerk

Town of Leverett
FY 98 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Saturday, April 5, 1997
9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

Franklin SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 5 th of April next, at 9:00 in the morning (9:00 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

ARTICLE TWO : To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 151 § 220 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1996 allowing Minimum Contributions to the Region for Fy 98 to be assessed in accordance with the Amherst-Pelham Regional Agreement.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $80,000 to buy and equip a dump truck for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote to transfer $ 16,331.50 from the Road Machinery Fund for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $4,000 to buy two air packs for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE EIGHT : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,500 which is the towns matching share for the first year of a three year grant for hiring a full time police officer.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $5,000 to design an elevator or lift to provide access to the second floor of the Town Hall in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

ARTICLE TEN : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $8,200 to pay for the remaining outstanding costs of closing the landfill.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 50 which is a local option property tax exemption for residential improvements to provide housing for the elderly.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town".

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to accept the Charter establishing the Franklin Regional Council of Governments as proposed by the Franklin Regional Charter

Commission for the purpose of providing regional municipal services pursuant to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, Section 567, as amended, or take any other action or votes in relation thereto.

Full copies of the Charter are available at the Town Clerk's Office in each Franklin County town.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the town will vote to authorize the continuation of the following revolving funds:

The *Night Custodian Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993
The *Library Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994
The *Telephone Book Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995
The *Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 14, April 29, 1995
The *Town Hall Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 17, March 30, 1996

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 40 Section 6C of the Massachusetts General Laws which provides that the town may appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private roads.

Citizen's Petition

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the town will accept Chapter 32B Section 15 clause a of the Massachusetts General Laws which allows the town to offer eligible employees group long term disability, dental or vision care. The town would not be obligated to pay all or any part of the premium for such coverage.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office, in the Town Hall and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the Baptist Church at North Leverett and the Village Co-op at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of March, 1997.

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Donald L. Gibavic

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Ethan V Howard h. Constable
3/19/97

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL
(617) 727-2200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1698

October 20, 1997

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk
Box 178
Leverett, Massachusetts 01054

Dear Ms. Sauer Kelty:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under article 12 of the warrant for the Leverett annual town meeting that first convened on April 5, 1997, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn B. Palmer

Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General
Coordinator, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2085

Enc.

cc: Richard M. Howland, 326 No. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

The following change in the Town Bylaws, the Code of the Town of Leverett, was acted upon at the Annual Meeting held on April 5, 1997.

Article Twelve: To see if the town will vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town."

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town."
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A true copy attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under article(s) 12 of the warrant for the Leverett town meeting that convened on April 5, 1997, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kathryn B. Palmer

by: Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General

October 20, 1997

Form 1 (revised 1/91)

Town: LEVERETT

Date: September 15, 1997

Attorney General Scott Harshbarger
One Ashburton Place, Room 2019
Boston, Massachusetts 02108
Attn: By-Laws

Dear Attorney General Harshbarger:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, I hereby request approval of the enclosed amendments to town by-laws.

1. Town Meeting (check only one): Annual X Special _____

   Fall Annual _____

2. Date Town Meeting (TM) First Convened: April 5, 1997

3. Date(s) of Adjourned Sessions: not applicable

4. Warrant articles (numbers) to be acted upon:

   (a) Zoning: ---

   (b) Historic District: ---

   (c) General: twelve

   (d) Charter Amendment: ---

5. Maps: warrant articles (numbers) with maps to be approved:

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6. Town Counsel: Richard M. Howland

   Address: 326 North Pleasant Street
   Amherst, MA 01002

   Phone: (413) 253-9910

7. Town Clerk: D'Ann Sauer Kelty

   Signature: D'Ann Sauer Kelty

   Address: Box 178
   Leverett, MA 01054

   Phone: (413) 548-9150

Form 2 (revised 5/97)

Town: LEVERETT

Date TM Convened: April 5, 1997

FINAL BY-LAWS AS VOTED BY TOWN MEETING

TWO certified copies of all of the articles to be acted upon are attached to this page (stapled if not too bulky), showing all of the following information for each article:

1. The date of final town meeting action on the article;

2. The complete final text of the article, with any floor amendments incorporated into the text; it is not necessary to show any amendments not adopted by town meeting.

3. The final vote of the town meeting, as follows:

If a two-thirds vote is required, the final vote must be certified either as being unanimous or the actual vote count must be shown. The actual vote count must be given if the vote is not unanimous. Certifications such as "unanimous but one" or "unanimous but a few" do not suffice if the actual count is required. A two-thirds vote is required for zoning by-laws (G.L. c. 40A, § 5) and historic district by-laws (G.L. c. 40C, § 3). Other state statutes or town charters or by-laws may also require a counted vote.

HOWEVER, if the town has a by-law, or if it took a vote at this town meeting not to take a count and record the vote, and a two-thirds vote of town meeting is required by statute, (as permitted by G.L. c. 39, § 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, c. 448, § 2) **THEN**, please provide us with:

(a) the date the by-law was adopted by town meeting _____, and the date it was approved by the Attorney General's Office _____; OR,

(b) a copy of the minutes from this town meeting showing the vote not to take a count.

If a two-thirds vote is not required, the final vote may be certified as "a majority", "unanimous", or by the actual count.

NOTE: It is preferable that each final by-law as voted by town meeting (with all of the information described above) be submitted on a separate page, in case some articles are ready for approval or disapproval by the Attorney General before others.

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

The following change in the Town Bylaws, the Code of the Town of Leverett, was acted upon at the Annual Meeting held on April 5, 1997.

Article Twelve: To see if the town will vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town."

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to amend the *Code of the Town of Leverett*, Chapter 41, Section 1B to read, "The quorum necessary for the initiation of Annual Town Meeting business or Town Meetings considering bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent of the registered voters on the active voting list of the town."
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A true copy attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

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Date TM Convened: April 5, 1997

TOWN MEETING CERTIFICATION

1. Quorum

According to town charter or by-law, the quorum requirement for town meeting is 66* registered voters. (Write "0" if town has no quorum requirement.) I hereby certify that a quorum was present at the town meeting, including any adjourned sessions thereof. *equals 5% of registered voters

Attest: D Ann Sauer Kelty Date: Sept. 15, 1997
Town Clerk

2. Service of the warrant

I hereby certify that:

(a) the service of the town meeting warrant was in accordance with (1) town by-law or (2) a previous vote of the town or (3) a procedure previously accepted by the Attorney General;

(b) notice of any adjournments of the town meeting was made in accordance with town by-law or previous town meeting vote.

Attest: not applicable Date:

3. Attachments

(a) the complete warrant is attached and it includes the opening of the warrant, the closing of the warrant, and the officer's return of service.

(b) One certified copy of any amendments made on the floor of the town meeting before the final vote under each of the articles to be acted upon is stapled to this page, showing the following:

1. the number of the warrant article to which the amendment(s) referred;

2. the full text of the amendment(s);

3. the vote taken on the amendment(s) at the town meeting (e.g., "a majority", "unanimous", or the actual vote count).

NO AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE TWELVE

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Date TM Convened: April 5, 1997

EXISTING BY-LAWS BEING AMENDED

One certified copy of the existing by-law being amended should be attached to this page (stapled, if not too bulky) if the substance of the proposed amendment is not readily understandable from the language in the article in the warrant. On each such existing by-law, please identify the number of the warrant article to which it relates.

EXISTING BYLAW: THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF LEVERETT, Chapter 41, Section 1B
The quorum necessary for initiation of Annual Town Meeting business of Town Meetings consideing bylaw changes or bond issues shall be at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the town.

NOTES:

1. A copy of the existing by-law is usually needed by the Attorney General when reviewing minor technical changes in current by-laws, amendments to tables showing uses permitted in different zoning districts, or amendments which merely recodify or reorganize lengthy by-laws which have already been approved by the Attorney General but which involve little or no substantive changes.

2. It would be most helpful to the Attorney General's office if the clerk would mark the existing by-law being amended to show what sections are being amended and what sections are remaining unchanged.

3. If the by-laws being submitted to the Attorney General are readily understandable from the language in the warrant, please do not include this form in the package mailed to the Attorney General.

All Voters

Ward	Precinct	Democrat	Green Party USA	Republican	Unenrolled	Grand Totals
1	1	573	1	133	516	1223
Ward 1 Totals		573	1	133	516	1223
Grand Totals		573	1	133	516	1223

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***** End of Report ******

quorum = 61

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DEPARTMENT	FY 97	Fy98 Proposed
113 **TOWN MEETING**		
Salaries	200	200
Expenses	245	245
TOTAL	445	445
114 **MODERATOR**	50	50
122 **SELECTMEN**		
Salaries		
Chair	1,050	1,050
2 members	2,000	2,000
Clerk	8,894	9,161
Subtotal	11,944	12,211
Expenses		
Telephone	275	275
Supplies/dues/misc	1,500	1,500
bids/ads	200	250
Postage	185	185
Travel/conference	100	100
Subtotal	2,260	2,310
TOTAL	14,204	14,521
124 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**		
Salary	19,016	19,586
Expenses	830	816
TOTAL	19,846	20,402
131 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**	95	95
132 **RESERVE FUND**	25,000	25,000
135 **ACCOUNTING OFFICER**		
Salaries/wages	6,335	6,525
Expenses		
Biennial Audit	2,700	2,700
Software Support	495	495
Telephone	90	100
Book Binding	80	80
Supplies	75	75
Conf/Travel	40	40
Dues	30	30
Subtotal	3,510	3,520
TOTAL	9,845	10,045
141 **ASSESSORS**		
Salaries		
Chair	998	998
2 members	1,900	1,900
Clerk	974	974
Subtotal	3,872	3,872
Expenses		
Maps	100	100
Forms	150	150
Reg of Deeds	150	150
Telephone	80	80
Dues	50	50
Supplies	120	120
Subtotal	650	650
TOTAL	4,522	4,522
142 **REVAL/MAINTENANCE**		
Salary	8,000	8,000

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145 **TREASURER**		
Salaries/Wages	6,335	6,525
Expenses		
Software Support	555	555
Envelopes/postage	500	500
Bond	305	305
Checks/W-2's	300	300
Banking Services	150	150
Telephone	90	110
Bookbinding	80	80
Supplies	50	50
Borrowing	50	50
Conf/travel	50	50
Dues	35	35
Subtotal	2,165	2,185
TOTAL	8,500	8,710
146 **COLLECTOR**		
Salaries/wages	6,335	6,525
Expenses		
Envelopes/Postage	1,250	1,300
Bond	432	432
Software Contract	85	85
Tax Bills	375	450
Bookbinding	90	90
Telephone	100	100
Supplies	30	30
Dues	35	35
Conf/Travel	35	35
Subtotal	2,432	2,557
TOTAL	8,767	9,082
149 **CAPITAL PLANNING**	100	100
151 **TOWN COUNSEL**	1,000	1,000
161 **TOWN CLERK**		
Salary	6,999	7,209
Census input/data collection	650	700
Subtotal	7,649	7,909
Expenses		
Supplies/Forms/Dues	180	200
Bond	50	50
Postage	75	75
Travel/Conf	300	300
Code Update		1,000
Census	415	375
Subtotal	1,020	2,000
TOTAL	8,669	9,909
162 **ELECTIONS**		
Salaries		
Poll Workers/police	1,300	0
Expenses	100	0
TOTAL	1,400	0
163 **REGISTRARS**		
Salaries (4)	170	170
Expenses	50	50
TOTAL	220	220
171 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**		
Salary/Secretary	1,056	1,088
Expenses		
Memberships	100	100
Legal Notices/Postage	675	675
Maps/GIS		400
Subtotal	775	1,175
TOTAL	1,831	2,263

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175 **PLANNING BOARD**		
Consulting	1,000	1,000
Supplies/Advertising/Dues	350	350
TOTAL	1,350	1,350
176 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**	150	150
192 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENANCE**		
Wages/Town Hall Janitor	2,563	2,640
Expenses		
Maintenance	3,750	3,750
Electricity	5,000	5,000
Fuel Oil	4,000	4,000
Equipment	250	250
Subtotal	13,000	13,000
TOTAL	15,563	15,640
193 **BUILDING INSURANCE**		
Property	5,960	400
Boiler	770	770
TOTAL	6,730	1,170
195 **TOWN REPORTS**	1,500	1,400
198 **NEWSLETTER**	1,416	2,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	**139,203**	**136,074**
210 **POLICE**		
Wages		
Chief	6,693	6,693
Clerk	1,189	1,189
Regular Hours	27,962	27,962
Court Hours	3,260	3,260
Training	2,460	2,460
Subtotal	41,564	41,564
Expenses		
Vehicles	7,500	7,500
Training	1,000	1 000
Radio/Radar	1,350	2,350
Dues	150	150
Uniforms	1,500	1,500
Supplies	1,500	1,500
Telephone	2,200	1,200
Subtotal	15,200	15,200
Insurance		
Police Workers'Comp	2,075	2,075
Subtotal	2,075	2,075
TOTAL	58,839	58,839
220 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**		
Wages		
Chief	3,888	4,005
Deputy Chief	451	465
Forest Fire Warden	51	53
3 Captains	451	697
Response Pay	5,417	5,580
Lieutenant	113	0
Inspection, salary	1,025	1,056
Training	5,500	6,000
Subtotal	16,896	17,856
Expenses		
Training	500	500
Equipment Maintenance	4,500	4,500
Gas/Oil	850	850
Mutual Aid	120	120
Brush Fires	650	650
Postage	30	30

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	Capital	2,500	2,500
	Electricity	475	475
	Fuel Oil	300	300
	Inspection Mileage	300	300
	Telephone	400	400
	Subtotal	10,625	10,625
	Insurance		
	Firefighter's Worker's Comp	3,400	3,400
	TOTAL	30,921	31,881
231	**AMBULANCE**	10,710	11,353
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**	9,451	7,320
242	**GAS /PLUMBING INSP**	9,104	6,723
245	**ELECTRICAL INSP**	7,454	5,858
249	**ANIMAL INSPECTOR salary**	100	100
291	**EMERGENCY PLANNING**	25	25
292	**DOG OFFICER**		
	Salary	650	650
	Expenses	90	90
	TOTAL	740	740
299	**TREE WARDEN Expenses**	6,000	6 000
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	**133,344**	**128,839**
300	**SCHOOLS**		
	School Committee	250	250
	Elementary School	938,641	1,023,119 — 9,000 = 1,014,119
	Retirement	17,322	19,141
	Workers Comp	9,000	9,000
	Unemployment	1,700	900
	Health ins	53,000	59,414
	Life Ins	450	450
	Medicare	8,580	8,800
	Building Insurance		1,070
	School Nurse Liability Ins	53	53
	DebtP	59,441	45,942
	DebtI	12,461	10,690
	Regional School	739,984	827,197 H - OK
	Debt P&I	76,112	75,765
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	**1,916,994**	**2,081,791**
422	**HIGHWAY DEPT.**		
	Wages		
	Full Time	81,562	85,009
	Emergency Overtime	1,000	1,030
	Subtotal	82,562	86,039
	Expenses		
	Equipment Rental	1,500	1,500
	Parts/Tools	7,275	7,275
	Repairs	2,940	2,940
	Tires/Batteries	1,600	1,600
	Gas/Oil/Diesel	13,000	13,000
	Lumber/Fence/Paint	1,100	1,100
	Pipes/Culverts	3,000	3,000
	Asphalt/Blacktop	22,000	22,000
	Stone/Gravel/Sand	11,350	11,350
	Telephone	350	350
	Supplies	200	200
	Street Signs	300	300
	Training	250	250
	Bridge maintenance	3,500	3,500
	Gravel Rd. Maintenance	8,000	8,000
	Line Striping	4,000	4,000
	DOT Drug Test		240
	Subtotal	80,365	80,605
	TOTAL	162,927	166,644

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423 **SNOW/ICE CONTROL**		
Wages	10,000	10,000
Salt/Sand	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	30,000	30,000
424 **STREETLIGHTS**	2,700	2,700
439 **SOLID WASTE**		
TRANSFER STATION		
Salaries		
Transfer Station Attend	2,701	3,032
Assist. Attend	2,239	2,462
Recycling Coord	769	792
Special Projects help	682	702
Subtotal	6,391	6,988
Expenses		
Recycling hauling	5,460	5,733
TS hauling	2,380	2,380
TS tipping	16,775	16,775
Stickers	300	300
Coupons	300	300
Maintenance	800	800
Electricity	800	800
Telephone	250	250
Miscellaneous	100	100
Special Programs	2,600	2,600
Hazardous Waste	1,000	1,000
Refuse District dues	25	25
DEP Recycl Fee	90	90
Subtotal	30,880	31,153
TOTAL	37,271	38,141
491 **CEMETERIES**		
North	550	550
Village	550	550
TOTAL	1,100	1,100
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	**233,998**	**238,585**
510 **BOARD OF HEALTH**		
Salaries		
Chair	400	400
4 Members	800	800
Subtotal	1,200	1,200
Expenses		
Postage	75	75
Dues	50	50
Legal Notices	400	400
Office Supplies	100	100
Vaccinations		
Subtotal	625	625
TOTAL	1,825	1,825
519 **HEALTH AGENT**	8,057	8,257
541 **COUNCIL ON AGING**	340	340
543 **VETERANS' SERVICES**	4,689	3,667
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	**14,911**	**14,089**

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610	**LIBRARY**		
	Wages		
	Librarian/Director	10,717	11,039
	Assist Librarian	3,900	4,017
	Janitor	311	320
	Subtotal	14,928	15,376
	Expenses		
	Books/Magazines	938	1,032
	Utilities	1,462	1,775
	Office Supplies	230	242
	Software Support		200
	Misc	255	268
	Subtotal	2,885	3,517
	TOTAL	17,813	18,893
691	**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**	200	200
692	**HARVEST FESTIVAL**	50	75
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECREATIOI	**18,063**	**19,168**
710	**DEBT PRINCIPAL**	15,439	28,477
751	**DEBT INTEREST**	1,800	21,442
	REVENUE ANTIC NOTES	1,000	1,100
	EMERGENCY BORROWING		10,475
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	**18,239**	**61,494**
900	**STABILIZATION**		40,000
911	**RETIREMENT**	18,052	17,699
912	**WORKERS' COMP**	10,000	11,000
913	**UNEMPLOYMENT**	500	300
914	**HEALTH INSURANCE**	15,000	14,746
915	**LIFE INSURANCE**	85	80
916	**MEDICARE**	2,420	2,450
945	**LIABILITY INSURANCE**		
	Public officials	3,075	1,575
	General		3,950
	Umbrella	1,000	1,000
	TOTAL	4,075	6,525
946	**AUTO**	7,607	6,000
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	**57,739**	**98,800**
	GRAND TOTAL	**2,532,491**	**2,778,840**

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account #			
113-5100	Town Meeting salaries	200	
113	Town Meeting expenses	245	
114-5100	Moderator salary	50	
122-5100	Selectmen salaries	12,211	
122	Selectmen expenses	2,310	
124-5100	Administrative Assistant salaries	19,586	
124	Administrative Assistant expenses	816	
131	Finance Committee	95	
132	Reserve Fund	25,000	
135-5100	Accounting Officer salaries	6,525	
135	Accounting Officer expenses	3,520	
141-5100	Assessors salaries	3,872	
141	Assessors expenses	650	
142-5100	Revaluation	8,000	
145-5100	Treasurer salaries	6,525	
145	Treasurer expenses	2,185	
146-5100	Collector salaries	6,525	
146	Collector expenses	2,557	
149	Capital Planning	100	
151	Town Counsel	1,000	
161-5100	Town Clerk salaries	7,909	
161	Town Clerk expenses	2,000	
162-5100	Elections salaries	0	
162	Elections expenses	0	
163-5100	Registrars salaries	170	
163	Registrars expenses	50	
171-5100	Conservation Commission salaries	1,088	
171	Conservation Commission expenses	1,175	
175	Planning Board	1,350	
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	150	
192-5100	Building Maintenance salaries	2,640	
192	Building Maintenance	13,000	
193	Building Insurance	1,170	
195	Town Report	1,400	
198-5100	Newsletter	2,000	
	100 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		**136,074**
210-5100	Police wages/salaries	41,564	
210	Police expenses	15,200	
210	Police insurance	2,075	
220-5100	Fire wages/salaries	17,856	
220	Fire expenses	10,625	
220	Fire insurance	3,400	
231-5200	Ambulance	11,353	
241-5200	Building Inspector	7,320	
242-5200	Gas Inspector	3,429	
243-5200	Plumbing Inspector	3,294	
245-5200	Electrical Inspector	5,858	
249	Animal Inspector salary	100	
291	Emergency Planning salary	25	
292-5100	Dog Officer salary	650	
292	Dog Officer expenses	90	
299	Tree Warden expenses	6,000	
	200 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		**128,839**

302-5100	School Committee salaries	250	
300	Elementary School	~~1,023,119~~ 1,014,119	
300-193	Building Insurance	1,070	
300-710	Debt Principal	45,942	
300-751	Debt Interest	10,690	
300-911	Retirement	19,141	
300-912	Workers Comp	9,000	
300-913	Unemployment	900	
300-914	Health Insurance	59,414	
300-915	Life Insurance	450	
300-916	Medicare	8,800	
300-945	Liability Insurance, Nurse	53	
310	Regional School	827,197	
	Debt Principal & Interest	75,765	
	300 TOTAL EDUCATION		**2,081,791**
422-5100	Highway wages	85,009	
422-5100	Highway Emergency Overtime	1,030	
422	Highway expenses	80,605	
423-5100	Snow and Ice salaries	10,000	
423	Snow and Ice expenses	20,000	
424	Street Lights	2,700	
439-5100	Transfer Station wages	6,988	
439	Transfer Station expenses	31,153	
491	Cemetaries - North	550	
491	Cemetaries - Village	550	
	400 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		**238,585**
510-5100	Board of Health salaries	1,200	
510	Board of Health expenses	625	
519-5200	Health Agent	8,257	
541	Council on Aging	340	
543-5200	Veterans Agent	3,667	
	500 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		**14,089**
610-5100	Library salaries	15,376	
610	Library expenses	3,517	
691	Historical Commission	200	
692	Harvest Festival	75	
	600 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		**19,168**
710	Debt Principal	28,477	
751	Debt Interest	21,442	
	Interest on Emergency Borrowing	10,475	
	Interest on Revenue Anticipation Notes	1,100	
	700 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		**61,494**
900	Stabilization	40,000	
911-5100	Franklin County Retirement	17,699	
912-5100	Workers Comp	11,000	
913-5100	Unemployment	300	
914-5100	Health Insurance	14,746	
915-5100	Life Insurance	80	
916-5100	Medicare	2,450	
945	Liability Insurance	6,525	
946	Auto insurance	6,000	
	900 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		**98,800**
	TOTAL BUDGET	~~2,778,840~~ 2,769,840	

Fy98 Expenditures Spreadsheet 03/31

ARTICLES	TOTAL	RAISE/APPRO	STABILIZAT	FREE CASH	OTHER
#2 Operating	2,778,840	2,778,840			
#5 Highway Truck	80,000		40,000	23,669	16,331
#7 Air Packs	4,000	4,000			
#8 Police Officer	8,500	8,500			
#9 Elevator Design	5,000	5,000			
#10 LF Closure	8,200	8,200			
TOTAL	2,884,540	2,804,540	40,000	23,669	16,331

Revenue/Expenditure Summary 03/31

LEVY LIMIT		Fy 97	Fy98	
Levy Base		1,875,588	1,961,818	
	0.025	46,890	49,045	
New Growth		39,340	33,793	
Subtotal		1,961,818	2,044,656	
Debt Exclusion		165,253	182,316	
Override				
Capital Exclusion		18,539		
EST Levy Limit		**2,145,610**	**2,226,972**	
LOCAL AID				
Chap 70		143,098	227,135	
School Lunch		1,088	1,088	
Subtotal School		144,186	228,223	
Lottery		107,396	120,396	
Highway		33,702	33,702	
Exemptions		8,498	8,498	
State Land		1,777	1 777	
Library Offset		2,191	2,191	
Subtotal Gen Gov		153,564	166,564	
TOTAL Local Aid		**297,750**	**394,787**	
STABILIZATION		10,000	40,000	
FREE CASH		200	23,669	
LOCAL RECEIPTS		**190,000**	200,000	→210,000
TOTAL REVENUE		2,643,560	2,885,428	

Summary of Expenditures			
Operating Budget	2,535,840	2,778,840	−9,000
R/A Articles	40,539	25,700	
Overlay	30,000	25,000	
CS Charges	21,809	21,300	
Offsets	3,279	3,279	
Stabilization	10,000	40,000	
Free Cash	200	23,669	
Total Expenditures	2,641,667	2,917,788	
Revenue-Expenditures		(32,360)	(22,360) −9,000 (13,360)

Fy97/98 Expenditures by Functional Groups 03/31

	97	98	Increase	% >
General Government	139,203	136,074	(3,129)	(2.25)
Public Safety	133,344	128,839	(4,505)	(3.38)
Schools	1,916,994	2,081,791	164,797	8.60
Public Works	233,998	238,585	4,587	1.96
Human Services	14,911	14,089	(822)	(5.51)
Culture/Recreation	18,063	19,019	956	5.29
Debt Service	18,239	61,494	43,255	237.16
Miscellaneous	57,739	98,800	41,061	71.11
Total	2,532,491	2,778,691	246,200	9.72

Valuation (est)	Levy Limit	Est Tax Rate
108,572,259	2,226,972	20.51

* Includes 40000
for stabilization

Chapter 70 Aid, Elementary School Budget and Pupil Numbers Fy 93-Fy98

Fiscal Year	Chapter 70	Increase	Budget	Increase	# Pupils
98	227,135 est	84,037	1,023,119	84,478 9%	169 170
97	143,098	34,235	938,641	24,593 2.6%	178
96	108,863	41,812	914,048	33,419 3.7%	199
95	67,051	16,297	880,629	102,339 13%	193
94	50,754	24,224	778,290**	77,388 11%	181
93	26,530*		700,902***		~~191~~ 195

* Inlcudes "per pupil aid"
** 727,536 ATM + 50,536 STM
*** 687,202 ATM + 13,700 STM

TOWN OF LEVERETT FY98 Budget (April 5, 1997)

account #			
113-5100	Town Meeting salaries	200	
113	Town Meeting expenses	245	
114-5100	Moderator salary	50	
122-5100	Selectmen salaries	12,211	
122	Selectmen expenses	2,310	
124-5100	Administrative Assistant salaries	19,586	
124	Administrative Assistant expenses	816	
131	Finance Committee	95	
132	Reserve Fund	25,000	
135-5100	Accounting Officer salaries	6,525	
135	Accounting Officer expenses	3,520	
141-5100	Assessors salaries	3,872	
141	Assessors expenses	650	
142-5100	Revaluation	8,000	
145-5100	Treasurer salaries	6,525	
145	Treasurer expenses	2,185	
146-5100	Collector salaries	6,525	
146	Collector expenses	2,557	
149	Capital Planning	100	
151	Town Counsel	1,000	
161-5100	Town Clerk salaries	7,909	
161	Town Clerk expenses	2,000	
162-5100	Elections salaries	0	
162	Elections expenses	0	
163-5100	Registrars salaries	170	
163	Registrars expenses	50	
171-5100	Conservation Commission salaries	1,088	
171	Conservation Commission expenses	1,175	
175	Planning Board	1,350	
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	150	
192-5100	Building Maintenance salaries	2,640	
192	Building Maintenance	13,000	
193	Building Insurance	1,170	
195	Town Report	1,400	
198-5100	Newsletter	2,000	
	100 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		**136,074**
210-5100	Police wages/salaries	41,564	
210	Police expenses	15,200	
210	Police insurance	2,075	
220-5100	Fire wages/salaries	17,856	
220	Fire expenses	10,625	
220	Fire insurance	3,400	
231-5200	Ambulance	11,353	
241-5200	Building Inspector	7,320	
242-5200	Gas Inspector	3,429	
243-5200	Plumbing Inspector	3,294	
245-5200	Electrical Inspector	5,858	
249	Animal Inspector salary	100	
291	Emergency Planning salary	25	
292-5100	Dog Officer salary	650	
292	Dog Officer expenses	90	
299	Tree Warden expenses	6,000	
	200 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		**128,839**

302-5100	School Committee salaries	250	
300	Elementary School	1,023,119	
300-193	Building Insurance	1,070	
300-710	Debt Principal	45,942	
300-751	Debt Interest	10,690	
300-911	Retirement	19,141	
300-912	Workers Comp	9,000	
300-913	Unemployment	900	
300-914	Health Insurance	59,414	
300-915	Life Insurance	450	
300-916	Medicare	8,800	
300-945	Liability Insurance, Nurse	53	
310	Regional School	827,197	
	Debt Principal & Interest	75,765	
	300 TOTAL EDUCATION		**2,081,791**
422-5100	Highway wages	85,009	
422-5100	Highway Emergency Overtime	1,030	
422	Highway expenses	80,605	
423-5100	Snow and Ice salaries	10,000	
423	Snow and Ice expenses	20,000	
424	Street Lights	2,700	
439-5100	Transfer Station wages	6,988	
439	Transfer Station expenses	31,153	
491	Cemetaries - North	550	
491	Cemetaries - Village	550	
	400 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		**238,585**
510-5100	Board of Health salaries	1,200	
510	Board of Health expenses	625	
519-5200	Health Agent	8,257	
541	Council on Aging	340	
543-5200	Veterans Agent	3,667	
	500 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		**14,089**
610-5100	Library salaries	15,376	
610	Library expenses	3,517	
691	Historical Commission	200	
692	Harvest Festival	75	
	600 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		**19,168**
710	Debt Principal	28,477	
751	Debt Interest	21,442	
	Interest on Emergency Borrowing	10,475	
	Interest on Revenue Anticipation Notes	1,100	
	700 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		**61,494**
900	Stabilization	40,000	
911-5100	Franklin County Retirement	17,699	
912-5100	Workers Comp	11,000	
913-5100	Unemployment	300	
914-5100	Health Insurance	14,746	
915-5100	Life Insurance	80	
916-5100	Medicare	2,450	
945	Liability Insurance	6,525	
946	Auto insurance	6,000	
	900 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		**98,800**
	TOTAL BUDGET		**2,778,840**

PROJECTED DEBT SCHEDULE
12/09/96

PURPOSE	ISSUED	AMOUNT		FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
						estimated interest rate 4.50%									
	12/13/91	153,992													
PORTABLES/	122500		P	15313	15313	15313	15313	15313	15309						
FUEL TANK	31492		P	7873	7873										
			I	4260	3621	2756	2067	1378	689						
	7/17/92	40,500													
PORTABLES	25000		P	8333	0										
ACCESSIBILITY	15500		P	5166	0										
			I	600	0										
	7/16/93	220,044													
ELEVATOR	182044		P	22756	22756	22756	22756	22756	22756	22756	22752				
			I	7601	7069	6144	5120	4096	3072	2048	1024				
TRANSFER STATION	38000		P	9500	9500										
			I	800	422										
MINIPUMPER	7/15/94	47,500	P	5939	5937	5937	5937	0	0	0	0				
			I	1000	791	534	267								
EMINENT DOMAIN	07/12/96	65,200	P	0	13040	13040	13040	13040	13040	0	0				
			I	0	2894	2347	1760	1174	587						
LANDFILL CLOSURE	12/06/96	425,000	P	0	0	0	23613	23611	23611	23611	23611	23611	23611	23611	236110
(20 years ?? State Reimbursement		*47,500)*	I	0	17335	19125	19125	18062	17000	15937	14875	13812	12750	11687	10625
TOTAL DEBT: Principal			P	74880	74419	57046	80659	74720	74716	46367	46363	23611	23611	23611	236110
Interest			I	14261	32132	30907	28340	24710	21348	17985	15899	13812	12750	11687	10625
Regional School District				76112	75765	75613	100522	95169	89815	84462	79109	73756	62102	57032	51963
TOTAL DEBT EXCLUSION				165253	182316	163566	209521	194599	185879	148814	141371	111180	98463	92331	298698
% of levy				7.70%											
% of Raise & Appropriate				6.40%											
% of Operating Budget				6.54%											
DPW/Police/Fire	*07/15/97*	*300,000*	*P*												
(10 years) ?? state reimbursement ???			*I*			0	0	37500	37500	37500	37500	37500	37500	37500	37500
School	*07/15/98*	*1,000,000*	*P*			13500	13500	13500	11813	10125	8438	6750	5063	3375	1688
(20 years) ?? state reimbursement ???			*I*				0	0	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000	700000
							45000	45000	45000	42750	40500	38250	36000	33750	31500
Total projected debt exclusion						177066	268021	290599	330191	289189	277808	243680	227026	216956	1069385

TOWN OF LEVERETT
WARRANT ARTICLE PETITION FORM

To Be Filed With The Selectboard
FILED 2/11/97

The undersigned registered voters of the Town of Leverett submit the following article and request that it be placed on the Warrant for the Special/Annual Town Meeting of April 5, 1997 (date):

Shall the Town of Leverett vote to accept the provisions of section six C of chapter forty of the General Laws, which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

		Signature of voter	Print name	Address
✓	1.	Betsy Garson Neisner	BETSY GARSON NEISNER	15 Laurel Hill Dr
✓	2.	Mary M Barnett	MARY M. BARNETT	15 LAUREL HILL DR
✓	3.	Charles G. Holmes	Charles G. Holmes	27 Laurel Hill Dr.
✓	4.	Donna Jenson	DONNA JENSON	27 Laurel Hill Dr.
✓	5.	Vivian Asche	Vivian Asche	36 Laurel Hill Dr
✓	6.	E. Craig Asche	E CRAIG ASCHE	36 Laurel Hill Drive
✓	7.	Sandra Southwick	Sandra SOUTHWICK	29 Laurel Hill Drive
✓	8.	Donald J. Southwick	DONALD J. Southwick	29 Laurel Hill Drive
✓	9.	Alina Ladoren-Reiner	Alina Ladoren-Reiner	25 Laurel Hill Dr
✓	10.	Albany M. Reiner	Albany M. Reiner	25 Laurel Hill Dr
✓	11.	Edwin Prebis	E. JOHN PREBIS	19 LAUREL HILL DR
	12.			
	13.			
	14.			
	15.			

(Use reverse side or another copy for additional signatures)
Any voter who is prevented by physical disability from writing may authorize some person to write his/her name and residence in his/her presence.

CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: We the undersigned majority of the Board of Registrars do hereby certify that 11 (eleven) of the above signatures checked thus ✓ are names of qualified voters in the Town of Leverett.

Di Ann Sauer Kelty

[illegible]

Cynthia A Howard

C. 32B Sec. 15. No Group Insurance System to be Established Except That Provided by General Laws.

No governmental unit may appropriate or expend public funds for the payment of premiums for group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental, and other health insurance for its active or retired employees, or their dependents, unless such insurance is procured pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, or unless such payments are for part of the premiums for group life insurance for permanent employees as authorized by clause (44) of section five of chapter forty, or unless such payments are made, pursuant to an agreement of an employer and an employee organization, to a health and welfare trust fund agreement for the purposes of (i) providing health benefits not otherwise provided to such employees by said governmental unit under the provisions of this chapter or (ii) paying contributions by said governmental unit toward premium costs or rates in excess of the level of such premium cost or rate contributions otherwise provided for under the provisions of this chapter or (iii) providing health benefits required under the provision of this chapter. This section shall not apply to the county of Worcester.

History--

1967, 373, Sec. 2; 1982, 615, Sec. 26; 1988, 82.

Amended by 1993, 110, Sec. 102, approved July 19, 1993, by Sec. 390, effective July 1, 1993.

Editorial Note--

The 1982 amendment excepted Worcester county from the provisions of this section

The 1988 amendment inserted provisions regarding a health and welfare trust fund agreement

The 1993 amendmentadded clause (iii), relating to required health benefits under the provision of this chapter

Total Client-Service Library(R) References--

56 Am Jur 2d, Municipal Corporations, Counties, and Other Political Subdivisions Secs. 206, 244

Annotations--

Group insurance: failure of employer or insurer to notify employee dropped from pay roll of necessity for and time of contribution to premium. 2 ALR2d 852.

Termination of coverage under group policy with regard to termination of employment. 68 ALR2d 8.

Medical Care Insurance: right of insured under individual policy to coverage afforded by group policy from which he directly transferred on termination of his employment. 66 ALR3d 1192.

Group insurance: construction, application, and effect of policy provision extending conversion privilege to employee after termination of employment. 32 ALR4th 1037.

CASE NOTES

Governmental unit may expend funds for group insurance only pursuant to provisions of GL c 32B. Watertown Firefighters, etc. v Watertown (1978) 376 Mass 706, 383 NE2d 494, 100 BNA LRRM 2375.

Town by-law authorizing town to pay for nongroup individual or family health insurance coverage for employee or retiree not eligible for HMO was not inconsistent with ALM GL c 32B Sec. 15, and did not violate ALM GL c 32B Sec. 16. Kusy v Town of Millbury (1994) 417 Mass 765, 632 NE2d

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CHARTER

Preamble. We, the people of Franklin County, in order to serve the interests of the citizens of our region, do hereby affirm that the 26 municipalities which presently comprise Franklin County have vital common concerns that transcend the borders of individual municipalities and that the ability of our municipalities to address important public issues often depends on our local governments acting together. We therefore establish for ourselves and for our communities the means to effectively serve our towns and to deal with regional issues which transcend the existing boundaries of town governments, and do hereby adopt this home rule Charter for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments pursuant to section 567 of Chapter 151 of the 1996 Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 ***Definitions***
The following words as used in this Charter shall have the following meanings:

(a) *Charter* - The word "Charter" shall mean this Charter and any amendments to it which may hereafter be adopted.

(b) *County* - The word "County" shall mean the geographic boundary of the County of Franklin.

(c) *Council* - The representative body of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments

(d) *Council Agency* - The words "Council agency" shall mean any board, commission, executive or representative body, committee or any department, division, or office of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

(e) *Days* - The word "days" shall refer to business days, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays when the time set is less than seven days; when the time set is seven days or more, every day shall be counted, unless the last day is a Sunday or a holiday.

(f) *FRCOG* - The acronym "FRCOG" shall mean the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

(g) *Laws of the Commonwealth/ MGL* - The official Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all amendments adopted with respect thereto.

(h) *Majority Vote* - The words "majority vote" shall mean a majority of the members present and voting, provided a quorum is present when the vote is taken, unless a higher number is required by law or bylaw.

(i) *Voters* - The word "voters" shall mean persons who are registered to vote in any Massachusetts municipality.

(j) *FRPB* - The acronym "FRPB" shall mean the Franklin Regional Planning Board.

(k) *Enabling Act* - Section 567 of Chapter 151 of the 1996 Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts, as may be amended.

ARTICLE 2
POWERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SECTION 2.1 ***Incorporation***
The Franklin Regional Council of Governments, within the corporate limits established by law, shall be a body politic and corporate for the purposes of suits; of buying and holding, for FRCOG uses, personal property and real property; and of contracting and doing other necessary acts relative to its property and affairs.

SECTION 2.2 ***Powers of the FRCOG***

2.2.1 The intent of this Charter is to obtain for the FRCOG all of the powers that it is now possible or that it may hereafter be possible for a council of governments to have, and to hold and to exercise such powers and such policies under the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, as they may be amended, as fully and as completely as if each such power were specifically and individually enumerated in this Charter.

2.2.2 It also is the intent of this Charter to encourage a continuing review of the functions performed by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and to enable it to perform any duty mandated to it in the most efficient manner possible, and without regard to the organizational, structural, or personnel provisions contained in any prior laws.

2.2.3 Nothing in this Charter shall be construed to impair, diminish, or infringe upon the powers or duties of cities and towns under the Laws of the Commonwealth. The member municipalities of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments are and shall remain the broad repository of local police power in terms of their ability to legislate for the general health, safety, and welfare of their residents.

2.2.4 Notwithstanding any other special or general law to the contrary, the FRCOG shall exercise all prerogatives and responsibilities granted to it by the Enabling Act, including but not limited to, those powers which are enumerated below:

(a) The power to adopt, amend and repeal bylaws related to operations of the FRCOG.

(b) The power to organize and regulate the internal affairs of the Council of Governments: to create, alter, and abolish departments, offices, positions, and employment and to define the functions, powers and duties thereof; to establish qualifications for persons holding offices, positions and employment, subject to the requirements of state law and this Charter; and provide for the manner of their appointment and removal and for their term and compensation.

(c) The power of eminent domain with respect to any powers of the former County under MGL Chaps. 79-88, 97, 114, 159, 160 and 252.

(d) The power to construct, acquire, operate and maintain public improvements, capital projects, personal property and real property or other enterprises for any public purpose, subject to Laws of the Commonwealth.

(e) The power to have a corporate seal; to sue and be sued; to contract and be contracted with; to buy, sell, lease, hold and dispose of real and personal property; to appropriate and expend funds for Council of Governments purposes, to retain, administer and release trust funds of the former County of Franklin.

(f) The power to contract with or enter into agreements with any other entity or governmental unit and to provide jointly or for the other, or in cooperation with other entities, any service, activity, or undertaking which such entity or governmental unit is authorized by law to perform. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, municipalities entering into joint service agreements with FRCOG may do so upon authorization of town meeting or, if further authorized by general law, the chief elected official or executive officer of the municipality.

(g) The power to establish membership assessments and service charges.

(h) The power to assess the Franklin County Retirement System or its successor for the services of the director of finance in administering the retirement system.

(i) The powers of municipalities with respect to creating special fund accounts for the purpose of providing any service authorized by this charter. Such funds may include, but are not limited to, those authorized by MGL chapter 44, sections 53A(grant and gifts for municipal purposes), 53C(off-duty work details), 53D (recreation and park self-supporting service revolving funds), 53E (offset receipts), 53E ½ (departmental revolving), 53F (compensating balance agreements), 53F ½ (enterprise funds), 53G (special consultants), or any other special funds powers now or later enacted for municipalities.

Adoption of such instruments by the Council shall require the same procedures of the executive and representative bodies of the FRCOG as may be required of the executive and legislative bodies of municipalities. The FRCOG shall be subject to any procurement regulations which apply to municipalities.

(j) The powers of regional planning agencies and economic development areas as previously conferred upon the County of Franklin under Chapter 425 Acts 1963 as amended, MGL chapter 40B secs. 5, 5A, 5B and 14 and as enumerated by the Enabling Act.

(k) The power, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to retain all powers and authorities of the former County executive and legislative bodies necessary for the execution of any responsibility transferred to the Council of Governments by the Enabling Act. Any responsibility of the former County of Franklin for which the Commonwealth has no explicit jurisdiction, shall be retained by the FRCOG and its successor offices, including but not limited to, appointment authority of the executive to other corporate bodies..

(l) The powers of Massachusetts municipalities, special districts and authorities not specifically limited by this charter or its enabling act may be granted to the FRCOG by the bylaw approval process set forth by this charter. .

(m) The powers of town Selectmen under MGL chap. 41 sec. 52 and 56 approval of bills and warrants, the powers of the former County of Franklin under MGL chaps. 79-88, 97 & 114 (highways and burial grounds, generally), 32B (health insurance),40 (dogs and other animals), 42 (boundaries), 159 & 160(railways), and 252 (swamps and quarries) .

(n) The power to incur operating debt in anticipation of revenue up to one half of the most recent year's audited total revenues.

(o) The power to exercise any powers, authorities or duties which may be assigned by general law or administrative rule to regional planning agencies or counties.

(p) The power to accept, state, federal, or private grants for any purpose.

ARTICLE 3
REPRESENTATIVE BODY: THE COUNCIL

SECTION 3.1 ***Structure***

3.1.1 *Composition:* The Council shall be comprised of one representative from each member municipality appointed by that municipality's Board of Selectmen or Chief Executive. In addition,the Franklin Regional Planning Board (FRPB) shall elect or appoint one of its members to the Council. The elected members of the Executive Committee shall be *ex-officio* members of the Council but shall not be officers of the Council.

3.1.2 *Term and Vacancies:* Appointments shall be for the duration of a fiscal year. Procedures for notice of appointments to the FRCOG shall be outlined by bylaw. For the purpose of forming the initial council, appointments shall be made by the member towns and FRPB within 30 days of the adoption of this charter. Vacancies shall be defined by bylaw and filled within 30 days by the appropriate appointing authority as set forth by section 3.1.1 above.

3.1.3 *Eligibility:* Representatives shall be residents and registered voters of the towns from which they are appointed. The FRPB representative shall be a resident of Franklin County or of any other municipality which is a member. A Representative shall not be an employee of the Council..

3.1.4 *Compensation and Benefits:* Representatives shall not be eligible for salary or any personnel benefits.

3.1.5 *Organization:* In the month immediately following the approval of this Charter by at least 14 member towns, but not sooner than July 1, 1997, the first organizational meeting of the Council shall be held. The Council shall meet at least quarterly, and shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary at its annual organizational meeting, which shall be its first meeting following July 1 of each year.

3.1.6 *Voting:* Each member shall have one equal vote on all non-appropriations matters, except that Executive Committee members shall not vote upon matters of recall under Article 3.2.2 of this Charter. On appropriations questions, each member town representative shall cast a weighted vote equal to their proportional share of the total member assessment outlined in Article 7 of this charter except that the FRPB representative shall hold a vote of 1% creating a total possible vote of 101%.

3.1.7 *Quorum:* Not less than 50 percent of the total weighted or equal vote of the Council as applicable to the actions to be taken.

SECTION 3.2 ***Powers and Duties***
3.2.1 *Powers and Duties in General:* Except as is otherwise provided by the Laws of the Commonwealth, all legislative powers of the FRCOG shall be vested in the Council which shall exercise its powers consistent with the Laws of the Commonwealth and this Charter.

3.2.2 *Specific Powers of the Council:*
Subpart 1: By a simple majority of the weighted or equal vote present as applicable:
(a) The power to pass whatever measures are deemed necessary and proper for the operation of the Council in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth.
(b) The power to approve the FRCOG annual operating budget and appropriate funds as required by the budget.
(c) The power to pass resolutions and organization bylaws.
(d) The power to establish internal rules of operation.
(e) The power to establish standing committees as deemed necessary to carry out its duties.

Subpart 2: By a two-thirds majority of the weighted or equal vote present as applicable:
(a) The power to authorize the FRCOG to enter into indebtedness for capital and real property acquisitions pursuant to general law..
(b) The power to recall a vote of the Executive Committee, procedures to be outlined by bylaw.
(c) The power to approve acquisition and disposal of real property or significant capital assets.
(d) The power to override Executive Committee rejection of amendments to organizational bylaws as set forth in Article 8.4.

ARTICLE 4
EXECUTIVE BODY: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 4-1 ***Structure***
4.1.1 *Composition:* The executive powers of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments shall be exercised by an Executive Committee which shall consist of five members, no two of whom shall be from the same Member town. Two members shall be elected at the state biennial election, two shall be elected by the Council and one shall be elected or appointed by the Franklin Regional Planning Board.

4.1.2 *Term and Vacancies:* The terms of Council and FRPB members on the executive committee shall be for the duration of a fiscal year. Procedures for notice of appointment or election to the executive committee shall be outlined by bylaw. Vacancies shall be defined by bylaw and filled within 30 days by the appropriate board.

The two members chosen by the voters in the member towns at the biennial election shall serve four year terms beginning on the first Tuesday following January 1 of the year following their election.. However, in the first election, the individual with the highest vote shall serve a four year term and the individual with the second highest vote shall serve a two year term, hence staggering their terms thereafter. If a person from the same town as another candidate appears to be chosen, the person with the higher number of votes shall be declared elected. If a person residing in the same town as a still sitting member of the committee resides, he/she shall not be declared elected. In such a case the person with the next highest number of votes, who lives in another town, shall be declared elected. Definition and procedures for filling vacancies shall be outlined by the bylaws. If the Secretary of State declines to place the names of regionally elected executive committee member candidates on the ballot, such members shall be deemed elected by aggregating the total votes received at the town elections of all members. The first such elections shall be held at the spring town elections of 1998. The same provisions

for length and staggering of terms shall apply with terms beginning July 1 of the year in which the election is held. Candidates shall follow each town's rules for securing a place on the ballot. Candidates for said elected positions shall not run representing a political party.

4.1.3 *Eligibility:* Executive Committee members shall be residents and registered voters of member towns.
The FRPB member shall be a resident of Franklin County or other member town. Executive Committee members shall not be employees of the Council.

4.1.4 *Compensation and benefits:* The Council may establish an annual stipend for members of the Executive Committee. Other personnel benefits shall be provided as required by law, or as may be authorized by bylaw.

4.1.5 *Organization:* Within 30 days of the first meeting of the Council, the first meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held. The Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly and shall elect a Chair, Vice- Chair and Secretary at its annual organizational meeting , which shall be established by bylaw. The Secretary shall act in the capacity of the former County Clerk with respect to all matters under jurisdiction of the FRCOG.

4.1.6 *Voting:* Each member shall have one equal vote on all matters.

4.1.7 *Quorum*: The Executive Committee shall conduct all of their official business with at least three members present, provided proper notice has been given to all five members.

SECTION 4.2 ***Powers and Duties***
4.2.1 *Powers and Duties in General:* The executive powers of the Council shall be vested solely in the Executive Committee and may be exercised either directly by the Executive Committee, or through the Executive Director as set forth in Article 5 of this Charter. The Executive Committee shall cause this Charter and the bylaws and orders for the administration of the FRCOG to be enforced. The Executive Committee shall exercise general supervision and direction over the FRCOG. Each FRCOG committee, employee, or agent shall furnish any documents or information, or shall appear before the Executive Committee as it may request.

4.2.2 *Specific Powers of the Executive Committee:*
(a) The power to supervise the approval of warrants, collection, disbursement, and deposit of all FRCOG funds.
(b) The power to exercise all administrative and executive powers of the FRCOG by majority vote.
(c) The power to prepare and submit an annual operating and a capital outlay budget to the Council for its consideration and adoption, and supervise and administer the budget adopted by the Council
(d) The power to supervise the care and custody of all FRCOG property, institutions, and agencies.
(e) The power of eminent domain as permitted by law and as enumerated in article 2 of this Charter..
(f) The power to identify emergency situations and call emergency meetings of the Council with 24 hours notice.
(g) The power to call meetings of the Council with two weeks notice, subject to the bylaws of the Council.
(h) The power to sign all deeds, contracts, bonds or other instruments required to effectuate the powers of the FRCOG as set forth in Article 2.
(i) The power to inquire at any time into the conduct of office or performance of duty of any FRCOG officer, employee, or Council member..
(j) The power to establish internal rules of operation and review FRCOG bylaws submitted by the Council
(k) The power to make appointments to other public and private bodies as required by law or as requested by such other bodies or as previously required of the Commissioners of the former County.
(l) Such other powers as may be granted by the Laws of the Commonwealth.
(m) The power to conduct inquiries and investigations and exercise the power of subpoena.
(n) The powers of former County Commissioners generally and under MGL chapter 34 relative to powers cited in Article 2.2.4 sections (c) and (m) of this charter.

4.2.3 *Delegation of Authority by the Executive Committee*
To the extent allowed by law, the Executive Committee may delegate to any subordinate officer or employee of the FRCOG the exercise of any power, function or duty assigned it by this Charter. All legal acts performed under such delegation shall be deemed to be the acts of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5
ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 5.1 ***Executive Director***
Appointment, Qualification, Term of Office, Duties - The chief administrative officer of the FRCOG shall be an Executive Director appointed by a majority vote of the Council to serve at their pleasure. The Executive Director shall be qualified by education, training and experience in public administration to perform the duties of the office, and shall exercise general day-to-day supervision and direction over all FRCOG activities. Specific powers and duties of the Executive Director shall be further enumerated by bylaw based upon descriptions of chief administrative positions in special act and home rule charters adopted by cites and towns of the Commonwealth. The Executive Director shall hire or terminate Director level positions with the majority advice and consent of the Executive Committee, except that the Franklin Regional Planning Board shall also give advice and consent upon the appointment or termination of the Director of Planning and Development. All other positions shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director.

SECTION 5.2 ***Director of Finance***
The Director of Finance shall report to the Executive Director. The Director of Finance shall be qualified by education, training and experience in finance and accounting to perform the duties of the office, and shall be responsible for overseeing financial operations of the FRCOG. The Director of Finance shall have all of the powers and duties enumerated by the Enabling Act, and such additional powers and duties as may be provided by general law or bylaw.

SECTION 5.3 ***Director of Planning and Development***
The Director of Planning and Development shall report to the Executive Director. The Director of Planning and Development shall be qualified by education, training and experience in planning to perform the duties of office and shall perform services in support of Article 8 of this Charter and such other duties as may be provided by general law or bylaw

ARTICLE 6
FINANCING AND MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 6.1 ***Membership Eligibility and Responsibilities***
6.1.1 *Eligibility:* Membership in the Franklin Regional Council of Governments is open to any Franklin County municipality which has secured an affirmative majority vote by its legislative body accepting this charter. The FRCOG is also open to any other Massachusetts municipality which has secured an affirmative vote by its legislative body and approval by a 2/3 majority vote of the full membership of the Council.

6.1.2 *Members:*
(a) Any municipality that meets the criteria of section 6.1.1 by July 1, 1998 will be deemed a Member.
(b) Members will have representation on the Council in accordance with Article 3 of this Charter.
(c) Members shall commit to membership in the FRCOG for no less than three years effective July 1, 1998.

6.1.3 *Other Members:* Any other category of Members and related fee structures will be defined pursuant to the bylaws of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

6.1.4 *Responsibilities of Towns of the Former Franklin County*:
(a) Towns which comprise the former County which decide not to become Members of the FRCOG by July 1, 1998 shall continue to be responsible for their allocable share of all related retirement system costs, retiree health insurance, and any other ongoing fixed costs of the former County as approved by the Council.

(b)Payment for items under (a) shall be made pursuant to a schedule approved by the Council and submitted to each town affected by this section.

6.1.5 *Member Assessments and Service Charges:*
(a) Members will be assessed pursuant to the formula outlined in (b) below to fund that portion of the FRCOG general operating budget which is not offset by other revenues, including costs of the former County as set forth in section 6.1.4(a). Service charges will be established pursuant to the Bylaws of the FRCOG. An annual FRCOG budget assessment shall be transmitted to each member by February 1 indicating the core assessment and service charges which comprise the total.

(b) Each member's core assessment shall reflect a 10% weight for its share of the total members' population and a 90% weight for its share of the total members' total equalized property valuation (EQV). Total equalized property valuation shall be the latest figure certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and population shall be the latest completed decennial federal census.

$$\frac{\text{Member's EQV}}{\text{Total Members' EQV}} \times \text{Total Core Assessment} \times .9 \quad \textbf{PLUS}$$

$$\frac{\text{Member's Population}}{\text{Total Members' Population}} \times \text{Total Core Assessment} \times .1 = \text{Member Core Assessment}$$

(c) Assessments shall be paid by Members on a quarterly basis according to the following schedule: July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1.

(d) If any payment of service charges or assessments is not made when required, the Director of Finance shall cause notice to be sent to the delinquent member. Ninety days delinquency in any such payments to which notice shall have been given to the member shall entitle the Executive Committee to suspend membership until the delinquency is satisfied.

6.1.6 *Adherence to Bylaws of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments:* All members shall agree to be bound by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Charter and Bylaws, and all amendments thereto, as a condition of continued membership in the FRCOG.

6.1.7 *Withdrawal from Membership in the Franklin Council of Governments:*
(a) After three years of membership, any Member may seek to withdraw from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments by an affirmative majority vote at the annual meeting of its Legislative Body.

(b) In all cases, the terms of withdrawal will include provisions for payment of the Member's allocable share of planning and development costs related to programs which that municipality had accepted if such costs have been incurred but not financed at the time of withdrawal; and shall provide for payment for all of the municipality's share of the FRCOG budget for the fiscal year following the vote to withdraw. The municipality shall also continue to be responsible for payments under 6.1.4.

(c) Procedures for withdrawal from Membership in the FRCOG shall be pursuant to the Bylaws of the FRCOG, but shall not supersede any provisions of this charter.

SECTION 6.2 *Fiscal Procedures*
6.2.1 *Submission and Adoption of the Proposed Budget:* The fiscal year of the FRCOG shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30. The Executive Director, operating within guidelines issued by the Executive Committee, shall by December 1 of each year, submit to the Council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year with an accompanying budget message and supporting documents. The Executive Director shall also make available a proposed budget summary for public review. The Council shall adopt a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than February 1. Should town meeting actions require revisions in the budget for the ensuing year, the Council shall take final action on a budget not later than June 1.

6.2.2 *Actual and Estimated Income and Expenditures* - Each year the proposed operating budget shall provide a comprehensive financial plan of all FRCOG funds and activities. The budget shall show actual and estimated income and expenditures for the previous, current, and ensuing fiscal year and shall include proposed expenditures for current operations and proposed revenue sources; proposed capital expenditures and the proposed methods of financing capital expenditures; and estimated surplus revenue and free cash at the end of the current fiscal year, including estimated balances in any special accounts. The budget shall include a capital improvement program as appropriate. A cost allocation plan shall identify all costs and appropriations directly or proportionately attributable to each function. The budget shall in all events be a balanced budget.

ARTICLE 7
REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

SECTION 7.1 ***Purpose, Responsibilities and Powers***
As stated by the Franklin Council of Governments Enabling Act, any and all regional planning activities or functions established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 425 of the Acts of 1963 (the Act which establishes the Franklin County Commissioners as the Regional Planning Agency for Franklin County), as amended, and Sections 5, 5A, 5B, and 14 of Chapter 40B of the Laws of the Commonwealth (the Act which defines the actions of the Regional Planning Agency), and/ or any subsequent provisions of the Laws of the Commonwealth with respect to regional planning, shall be the responsibility of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments under this Charter and subject to its provisions. The FRCOG shall be the Regional Planning Agency for the municipalities within the boundaries of the former Franklin County , known as the "Regional Planning District" ,and may expand such boundaries pursuant to general law or the provisions of this charter. The FRCOG may assume additional regional planing responsibilities granted by any subsequent provisions of state or federal legislation or regulations.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments shall be comprised of three bodies: The Executive Committee, acting as the executive body, the Council, acting as the representative body, and the Franklin Regional Planning Board, acting as the advisory body on regional planning issues and policies. The Executive Committee, the Council, and the Franklin Regional Planning Board shall jointly have and may exercise any and all authority for regional planning as may be authorized by current and future federal and state laws. The Executive Committee, in consultation with and based upon the recommendations of the Franklin Regional Planning Board, shall be responsible for establishing policies to guide all regional planning and development activities of the region. The Franklin Regional Council of Governments as the Regional Planning Agency shall be staffed with a Director of Planning & Development, with appropriate planning qualifications, and other staff as grant or other funding permits. The purpose and objectives of the FRCOG as the Regional Planning Agency are to balance economic development with the protection of natural and cultural resources which are the foundation of the region's rural character and heritage and to advocate at the state and federal level to ensure that programs, policies and funding are responsive to issues affecting the region.

SECTION 7.2 ***Franklin Regional Planning Board - Purpose, Composition; Responsibilities and Powers***
7.2.1 *Purpose* : The purpose and objective of the Franklin Regional Planning Board ("FRPB") shall be to promote, with the greatest efficiency, sustainable economic development in the Franklin Regional Council of Governments region and to protect public health, safety and welfare and the natural and cultural resources of the Regional Planning District.

7.2.2 *Composition:* The Franklin Regional Planning Board shall consist of the following members:

(a) the Executive Committee (the Executive Body of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments);

(b) the Chair of the Board of Selectmen of each town or the Board of Selectmen's designee, who may be someone other than a member of the Board of Selectmen;

(c) the Chair of the Planning Board of each town or a member of that town's Planning Board; and

(d) up to eighteen (18) persons residing within the Regional Planning District, as "Members At-Large" for the purpose of providing additional advice and guidance to the FRPB, with said persons broadly representative of business, labor,

professional and social organizations, or interested in natural, cultural, historic and economic resources and other significant interests within the Regional Planning District. Such Members At-Large shall be elected by the Franklin Regional Planning Board in accordance with its by-laws.

7.2.3 *Term of Office:* Each representative shall serve a term of three years. In the case of vacancies, new appointments shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Franklin Regional Planning Board by-laws.

7.2.4 *Voting Powers:* Each Franklin Regional Planning Board member shall have one equal vote.

7.2.5 *Quorum:* Not less than 15 percent of the full Franklin Regional Planning Board membership shall constitute a quorum.

7.2.6 *Organization* : The Franklin Regional Planning Board shall establish by-laws for its proceedings and organization. The Franklin Regional Planning Board may establish such technical advisory subcommittees as may be needed to assist the planning staff of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the FRPB in their duties and functions. The Franklin Regional Planning Board shall have voting representation on the Council and Executive Committee of the Franklin Council of Governments as set forth in Articles 3 and 4 above.

SECTION 7.3 ***Responsibilities and Functions***

7.3.1 *General Powers:* The Franklin Regional Planning Board shall consult with and make recommendations to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments executive and legislative bodies concerning the objectives, policies, programs, budget, administration or other items necessary for the preparation and implementation of studies, plans and proposals in furtherance of the purposes set forth above and as provided by the Enabling Act, as amended; in Chapter 425 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, which establishes the Franklin County Commissioners as the Regional Planning Agency for the Regional Planning District and County; and in Sections 5, 5A, 5B, and 14 of Chapter 40B of the Laws of the Commonwealth, which defines the actions of a Regional Planning Agency, and as may be further provided by amendment or by any other subsequent provisions of state or federal law or regulations.

7.3.2 *Specific Powers:*

(a) *Economic Development*: As authorized pursuant to Title IV, Part B of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, enacted by the United States Congress as Public Law 89-136, or current equivalent as amended, the Franklin Regional Planning Board shall oversee the development of and approve the Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Regional Planning District and assist with other economic development activities in support of the OEDP.

(b) *Transportation:* As authorized by the Federal Highway Act of 1962 or current equivalent as amended, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, the Franklin Council of Governments Regional Planning District is considered a metropolitan planning area. As such, its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the planning and programming of financial resources for a multi-modal transportation system for the FRCOG region. The MPO is made up of the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department, the Chairman of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority, the Chairman of the Greenfield-Montague Transportation Area, and the Chair of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Executive Committee. As authorized by Section 134 of the Federal Highway Act of 1962 or current equivalent as amended, the Franklin County Planning Board and its successor, the Franklin Regional Planning Board is authorized to act as the Joint Transportation Planning Committee (hereinafter referred to as the JTPC). The Executive Committee Chair shall receive recommendations from the Franklin Regional Planning Board in its capacity as Joint Transportation Planning Committee (JTPC). As the JTPC, the Franklin Regional Planning Board shall ensure that the transportation planning process in the FRCOG region is comprehensive, continuing and cooperative ("3C") and shall have responsibility for approving the Unified Work Program and Transportation Improvement Program for the region.

7.3.3 *Future Changes in Structure, Responsibilities and Functions:* Any recommended changes in the structure, responsibilities or functions of the Franklin Regional Planning Board shall be made pursuant to the amendment or bylaw process outlined by this charter as appropriate.

ARTICLE 8
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 8.1 *Specific Provisions to Prevail, Severability*
To the extent that any specific provision of this Charter conflicts with any provision expressed in general terms, the specific provision shall prevail. The enumeration of specific powers, however, shall not limit the intent of any general powers or responsibilities of the FRCOG or any office or board formed under this charter. If any provision of this charter is found to be invalid or superseded by state or federal law or regulation, in whole or in part, the remaining provisions of the Charter, or portions thereof, shall remain in force.

SECTION 8.2 *Charter Amendment Procedures*
The Council may, by a two-thirds vote of its full membership, submit proposed amendments to this Charter to the voters of member towns. Amendments shall be adopted by a majority vote by the legislative bodies in at least two-thirds of the member towns. The warrant articles used when voting on a Charter amendment shall contain a question in substantially the following form: "Shall the following Charter amendment which was proposed by a two-thirds majority vote of the full membership of the FRCOG Council be enacted?"

SECTION 8.3 *Enabling Act Amendment Procedures*
The Executive Committee may, by a two-thirds majority vote of the full Council membership, and with the majority vote of the Executive Committee, file a petition with the state legislature to amend the Enabling Act.

SECTION 8.4 *Bylaw Adoption Procedures*
Bylaws adopted by the Council by majority vote shall be presented to the Executive Committee for review. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be required for adoption. If the Executive Committee fails to take action on any bylaw within 21 days, the bylaw shall become effective. If the Executive Committee disapprove of any bylaw, they shall return the bylaw to the Secretary of the Council within 10 days with the specific reasons for the disapproval, in writing. If the Council does not override the disapproval of the Executive Chemist by a two-thirds majority within 30 days, the bylaw shall be rejected and may not be proposed again for one calendar year thereafter. In no case shall a bylaw supersede any provision of this Charter.

ARTICLE 9
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9.1 *Effective Date*
This Charter shall become fully effective on the first business day following an affirmative vote by at least 14 towns of the former County of Franklin, but not sooner than July 1, 1997.

SECTION 9.2 *Continuation of Personnel*
All former County personnel not transferred to the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act shall continue to perform their duties as employees of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, subject to appropriation, further reauthorization, and approval by the Council and the Executive Director.

SECTION 9.3 *Transition of Representative Body*
The County Advisory Board of Franklin County shall remain the representative body of the County through June 30, 1997 and continue as necessary under the Enabling Act as the Regional Advisory Board until such time as this Charter is adopted pursuant to the provisions above or June 30, 1998.

SECTION 9.4 *Transition of Executive Body*
The Franklin County Commissioners shall remain the executive body through June 30, 1997 and continue under the enabling act as the Franklin Council of Governments Committee until such time as this Charter is adopted or June 30, 1998. If the charter is adopted, the three sitting County Commissioners of the former County of Franklin shall elect

among themselves two members to fill the regionally elected positions until such positions are filled through the state biennial election or town election process outlined in Article 4.1.2 of this charter. Should the Commissioners fail to elect two of their number, the Council shall, at their first meeting, elect two of the sitting Commissioners. In the event that less than two of the sitting Franklin County Commissioners are ready, willing and able to accept a position on the Executive Committee, or if a vacancy occurs prior to the first election, the Council shall elect a Franklin County resident to fill such position(s), except that such individual shall not already be a member of the Council.

SECTION 9.5 *Default in event of Charter vote failure*
In the event this charter is not adopted by a majority of voters in a majority of Franklin County towns by May 31, 1998, the former County Commissioners and County Advisory Board shall by June 15, 1998 adopt a plan for implementation effective July 1, 1998, which shall enumerate 1) any retirement liabilities of the former County, exclusive of those liabilities transferred to the Commonwealth, to be allocated among the towns of the former County; 2) any other fixed costs of the former county to be allocated among the towns of the former Franklin County according to the former county assessment formula; 3) a budget for a Franklin Regional Planning Commission (FRPC) to be assessed upon the towns for fiscal 1999 only, pending acceptance of membership in the FRPC by each municipality of the former Franklin County pursuant to MGL Chapter 40B sec 2A prior to June 30, 1999; 4) the transfer of all powers of the former Franklin County, such as those enumerated in Article 2 of this charter, to specific agencies of the Commonwealth, except those powers of the regional planning commission. The FRPC established by default of this charter shall be overseen by the former Franklin County Planning Board. Votes of acceptance of the FRPC shall be required as under MGL 40B to establish the FRPC as a 40B planning commission, and shall operate pursuant to all 40B requirements after July 1, 1999.

SECTION 9.6 *Legislative authorization of certain provisions*
The Council shall immediately seek legislative authorization for amendment of the enabling act for any power granted to Franklin Council of Governments by this Charter but requiring further legislative approval.

TOWN	STATUTORY CHARGES	CORE SERVICE ASSESSMENT	FEE PROGRAMS Purchasing Program	FEE PROGRAMS Health Insurance	NEW COUNCIL TOTAL CHARGE FY98	FORMER COUNTY ASSESSMENT FY97	FORMER COUNTY ASSESSMENT FY96
ASHFIELD	$3,118.20	$10,740.24	$1,900.00	$267.57	$16,026.01	$18,545.88	$20,904.84
BERNARDSTON	$3,008.16	$10,361.21	$1,900.00	$576.94	$15,846.31	$17,496.11	$19,598.29
BUCKLAND	$2,735.38	$9,421.67	$1,900.00	$886.32	$14,943.37	$15,863.14	$18,291.74
CHARLEMONT	$1,821.92	$6,275.38	$1,900.00	$222.97	$10,220.27	$10,614.31	$11,758.97
COLRAIN	$2,598.27	$8,949.40	$1,900.00	$576.94	$14,024.61	$15,163.30	$16,985.19
CONWAY	$2,842.32	$9,790.01	$1,900.00	$1,064.70	$15,597.03	$16,912.91	$18,945.02
DEERFIELD	$8,166.14	$28,127.22	$2,200.00	$2,840.12	$41,333.48	$48,055.99	$54,221.94
ERVING	$3,937.68	$13,562.84	$1,900.00	$2,396.96	$21,797.48	$24,144.64	$27,437.61
GILL	$2,012.56	$6,932.00	$1,900.00	$309.38	$11,153.94	$11,547.43	$13,065.53
GREENFIELD	$21,284.99	$73,313.40	$2,200.00	$0.00	$96,798.39	$120,081.66	$135,881.49
HAWLEY	$588.33	$2,026.43	$550.00	$178.38	$3,343.14	$3,499.22	$3,919.66
HEATH	$1,002.64	$3,453.48	$1,050.00	$267.57	$5,773.69	$5,773.72	$6,532.76
LEVERETT	$2,977.34	$10,255.07	$1,900.00	$799.92	$15,932.33	$17,554.43	$19,598.29
LEYDEN	$1,057.00	$3,640.69	$1,050.00	$133.78	$5,881.47	$6,181.96	$7,186.04
MONROE	$453.04	$1,560.42	$550.00	$133.78	$2,697.24	$2,799.38	$3,266.38
MONTAGUE	$10,938.21	$37,675.23	$2,200.00	$5,451.70	$56,265.14	$63,044.33	$71,207.13
NEW SALEM	$1,335.64	$4,600.44	$1,050.00	$133.78	$7,119.86	$7,873.25	$9,145.87
NORTHFIELD	$4,244.77	$14,620.56	$1,900.00	$1,020.10	$21,785.43	$24,786.16	$28,090.88
ORANGE	$6,941.11	$23,907.76	$2,200.00	$0.00	$33,048.87	$38,024.89	$43,116.24
ROWE	$3,815.10	$13,140.61	$550.00	$755.32	$18,261.03	$24,261.28	$27,437.61
SHELBURNE	$3,112.48	$10,720.53	$1,900.00	$621.54	$16,354.55	$18,195.96	$20,904.84
SHUTESBURY	$2,793.28	$9,621.09	$1,900.00	$1,552.45	$15,866.82	$16,562.99	$18,945.02
SUNDERLAND	$4,441.94	$15,299.69	$1,900.00	$1,332.26	$22,973.89	$25,369.36	$28,744.16
WARWICK	$1,104.61	$3,804.69	$1,050.00	$133.78	$6,093.08	$6,415.24	$7,186.04
WENDELL	$1,166.17	$4,016.71	$1,050.00	$222.97	$6,455.85	$6,706.84	$7,839.32
WHATELY	$2,942.84	$10,136.24	$1,900.00	$975.51	$15,954.59	$17,729.39	$20,251.57
TOTALS	$100,440.12	$345,953.01	$42,300.00	$22,854.74	$511,547.87	$583,203.78	$660,462.42

1. STATUTORY CHARGES: Reflect the mandatory costs of retirees' health insurance and state retirement system administration. Towns are responsible for these costs whether or not they adopt the charter.

2. CORE SERVICE ASSESSMENT: Pays for regional planning services, program development, advocacy for our town's needs and administrative costs. Member towns must pay this assessment, non-member towns will receive no services under this item.

3. FEE PROGRAMS: Are optional services towns can choose to purchase or not if they are members. Non member towns can purchase these services with a premium charge over member charges.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (FRCOG) CHARTER PROPOSAL

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? WHY DO WE HAVE TO CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT?

Massachusetts Counties operate jails, registries of deeds, court facilities and, with few exceptions, little else. Franklin County is different. As the most rural part of the state, our towns, large and small, use the county to advocate in Boston for their interests; to cooperatively purchase everything from guardrail and road salt to office supplies and professional consulting; and to provide regional/municipal planning and other local services at affordable costs. By working together we keep costs lower and control choices for many local services. But state requirements for operating the court, jail and registry are bankrupting the local services our towns want. So we asked, and the legislature has voted, to abolish Franklin County on July 1, 1997.The state will take responsibility for the old functions and give us the opportunity to make our own choices about the services we need through the FRCOG.

WILL THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COST MORE THAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT? HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT THE COST IS?

The cost to each town for the Council of Governments will be less than it is currently under the County. Each year beginning in Fiscal Year 99, the cost of the FRCOG's services will have to be approved at each town meeting. By early spring each town will know what costs they have to pay for state mandates (health insurance and administrative costs for retirees of the former county government), core assessment (costs for regional planning, program development, advocacy and fixed administrative costs), and fee programs (services towns can choose whether they want them or not at the price offered). Individual taxpayers save money by having their town share with other towns the costs of providing services and advocacy.

HOW IS THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CREATED? CAN WE GET OUT OF IT?

A majority vote in a majority of towns in Franklin County will establish the Council. The number of towns participating will determine how much funding there is. The new Council members representing the towns will review the budget and prioritize the services to be delivered. All towns which vote to become members the first time must remain members for three years. If a town wants to leave the FRCOG, it must vote at town meeting to withdraw and give one year notice to the FRCOG so that the effect on the remaining members can be planned for.

WHO WILL CONTROL THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS?

Every member town will have a representative to the Council appointed by their town's Board of Selectmen. The Council will set the service priorities. The State would no longer control the financing of our region's collaborative municipal services. Town Meeting is ultimately in control by voting annually on the town's continued membership after the first three year period.

WILL I STILL LIVE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY?

The *place* Franklin County will still exist. Only the old layer of government is abolished. In fact, the special relationship our Franklin County towns have with each other makes the FRCOG possible as a tool for working together to be heard in Boston and saving money on services.

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CHARTER
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHARTER PURPOSE
To establish for the members the means to effectively deliver public services and timely advocacy through a versatile, cost effective and responsive regional services organization controlled by its membership.

POWERS OF THE FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (FRCOG)
The FRCOG shall have the power to contract or enter into agreements with any other entity or governmental unit to provide any service such entities are authorized by law to perform. It shall have the powers of regional planning agencies and economic development areas. It shall retain the powers of counties with respect to rights of way.

REPRESENTATIVE BODY: THE COUNCIL
The representative body is called the Council and shall be comprised of one representative from each member municipality appointed by their Board of Selectrmen, one representative from the Franklin Regional Planning Board (FRPB see below), and the Executive Committee (see below) *ex- officio*. The Council shall have the power to adopt operating budgets, set member assessments and fees subject to town meeting/ town council approval, and to adopt internal bylaws and recall votes of the Executive Committee.

VOTING BY THE COUNCIL
All members of the Council shall have one equal vote on non-appropriations matters. On appropriation questions, member representatives shall cast a weighted vote in proportion to their share of the total member assessment. The FRPB representative shall have a 1% vote.

EXECUTIVE BODY: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The Executive Committee shall be comprised of five members, no two of which may be from the same town. Two members shall be elected from the Council, one representative from the Franklin Regional Planning Board, and two members shall be elected by the voters at the regular statewide biennial elections. The Executive Committee shall exercise general supervision and direction of the FRCOG submit for approval and oversee administration of the Council adopted budget, and act as the former County Commissioners on right of way issues.

FINANCING AND MEMBERSHIP
Membership is open to any Franklin County municipality which adopts the Charter by a majority vote of its legislative body (usually town meeting), and any other municipality which adopts the charter and receives a 2/3 majority vote of the Council. Initial membership must be for three years. Withdrawal requires a similar vote and one year notice to the Council. Former Franklin County towns which choose not to adopt the Charter shall continue to be responsible for certain fixed costs of the former County such as retirement or other costs as approved by the Council.
Each member's core assessment shall reflect a 10% weight for its share of the total members' population and a 90% weight for its share of the total members' total equalized property valuation (EQV). Total equalized property valuation shall be the latest figure certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and population shall be the latest completed decennial federal census. The Council may also set fees for certain services beyond the base and fees for non-members to access any service of the FRCOG.

FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD (FRPB)
The FRPB shall consult with and make recommendations to the Executive Committee and Council relative to the powers of the FRCOG as a regional planning agency under Massachusetts general law. The FRPB shall be comprised, as is the current Franklin County Planning Board, of one Selectmen's appointee and one Planning Board representative from each town, and up to 18 members elected at- large by the other members.

CHARTER ADOPTION EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENT
Adoption of the Charter requires a majority vote by a majority of Franklin County towns' legislative bodies by June 30, 1998. Amendments require a 2/3 vote of the Council and a majority vote by 2/3 of the member towns' legislative bodies.

The Recorder

A better county

3/6/97

Greenfield will be the biggest, but not the only, winner if voters approve a new county charter this year.

After months of meetings, hearings and debates, the future of Franklin County is taking shape. On Saturday, members of the County Advisory Board's finance committee recommended a budget proposal that makes clear just how much in savings can be expected from the new Franklin Council of Governments.

Greenfield taxpayers can look forward to paying less to support the new council of governments than they do for the current Franklin County Commission. The savings will amount to $23,000, bringing Greenfield's assessment to less than $100,000. That's the lowest since since 1948, when Greenfield's assessment was $93,658.85.

Much of those savings come about because the council of governments is no longer basing its assessments solely on the property value of its member towns. Instead, assessments will include only costs required by the state (health insurance costs for current retirees, a state administrative fee for pension funds) and a "core service assessment" for such things as the regional planning service, program development and lobbying, as well as fixed administrative costs.

After that, the council will charge towns for the council services they use. Towns that depend on the council for things such as engineering, purchasing, health insurance and grant writing will pay more.

Because of its population and the size of its town government, Greenfield uses few of those services, and that will save Greenfield thousands of dollars.

Those savings will not come at a cost to other towns. Under the council of governments' budget, every town in Franklin County will pay less for what they receive from the council than they now pay to the commission. For Deerfield, the savings are nearly $7,000; for Heath, they are just 3 cents. But every town will pay less under the new system than under the old.

The broad savings are possible because the state will be taking over the registries of deeds as well as the jail. With those costs shifted to the state, the council can focus on providing services to area towns.

That is much better than what will happen in other counties around Massachusetts. There, county government has long been a political patronage roost and little more. Having done little or nothing for so long, these governmental bodies are headed for a quick and deserved institutional death.

The Franklin Council of Governments is the local alternative. Indeed, as the law is written, it is the only alternative, because if the new charter fails, Franklin County government will simply cease to exist.

That unfortunate occurrence is avoidable.

A great deal of work has gone into the new county charter. Compromises have been reached and positions modified. The result is an opportunity for voters to approve a new regional body that will maintain the borders of Franklin County, provide services to its towns and save money for its taxpayers.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

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11 March 1997

Dear Town Official:

I am writing to invite your participation in a question and answer briefing on the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Charter before your town meeting this spring.

In less than a month the first town meetings in Franklin County will consider the proposed Charter for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. We have a unique opportunity to choose a new form of regional collaboration which will serve our needs for producing affordable municipal products and services, and give us a powerful tool for regional advocacy upon the issues we care about.

The Charter Commission wrestled with some difficult issues since its formation in October; but six months later we have produced a document which balances equity, representation, flexibility and durability into a blueprint for the kind of responsive organization it was our goal to create. Now it is time for town meeting to review and vote upon our work.

Enclosed in this packet you will find sufficient copies of the Charter, executive summary, cost spread sheet and other supporting material for each member of your board or office. Please pass along any extras or call us if your need more.

We have scheduled three Saturday morning sessions, and welcome your participation in whichever one suits your schedule. We apologize for the Saturday dates, but in the middle of budget season we know that week nights are a premium!

I hope to see you at these sessions. If you can't make it, I hope you'll call me or County Administrator Jay DiPucchio with any questions you have, or any questions you expect to have to answer on town meeting floor.

Thank you for your interest and commitment

Respectfully,

Stanley Gawle, Chair
Franklin Regional Charter Commission.

MAKING SENSE OF THE CHARTER

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CHARTER

QUESTION AND ANSWER BRIEFINGS

TO: Franklin County Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Planning Boards, and any other parties interested in Town Meeting article to adopt a charter for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

WHAT: Having a hard time explaining the proposed charter? You are invited to three opportunities to meet with Charter Commission members. Come get your questions heard about the charter before your town meeting.

AGENDA:

- Overview: How we got here, What it is, and What it costs.
- Questions and Answers.
- Feedback: What will *your* town want to know?

WHEN: All sessions are 8:30 to 10:00 AM and open to all.
Saturday, March 29, Deerfield Town Hall
Saturday, April 12, Orange Armory
Saturday, April 19, Buckland/Shelburne Community Center

!!!! Coffee and pastries will be provided !!!!

WHERE: Directions are printed on the reverse side of this notice.

Buckland/Shelburne Community Center: Take Rte 2 West to the first Shelburne Falls exit (a left). Follow 2A into town and at the Library, take a right onto Main Street. The Community Center is on the corner of the second road to the right (about four blocks), next to the Post Office. Park in lot or on street and enter at side door.

Deerfield Town Hall: When you get to South Deerfield Center the Town Hall is directly across the Common. It is the square white building with a "DEERFIELD TOWN HALL" sign. Parking in the rear. The side door entrance will be open.

From I-91 Southbound: Take Exit 25 and turn LEFT at the stop sign. At the light, turn RIGHT. Go to the next light, and turn LEFT. Cross the railway tracks and go to the stop sign. You are now in South Deerfield Center.

From I-91 Northbound: Take Exit 24 and turn RIGHT at the stop sign. Go straight to the second set of lights. Turn RIGHT. Cross the railway tracks and go to the stop sign. You are now in South Deerfield Center.

From Route 116 Eastbound: From Conway, enter into Deerfield. Follow Route 116 until it cross I-91 and comes to a set of lights. Turn RIGHT and go to the enxt set of lights. Turn LEFT. Cross the railway tracks and come to a stop sign. You are now in South Deerfield Center.

From Route 116 Westbound: From Sunderland, cross over the Connecticut River into Deerfield. Continue straight on Route 116 to a set of lights. Turn RIGHT. Go to the next set of lights. Turn RIGHT. Cross the railway tracks, and come to a stop sign. You are now in South Deerfield Center.

Orange Armory: The Orange Armory is located on East Main Street (Rte. 2A) in Orange, about ½ mile east of Orange center.

From Route 2 headed east, take the Route 2A exit. Follow Route 2A into Orange center. Go straight through the lights and continue about ½ mile; the armory will be on your left, just past a gas station.

From 202, take Route 122 north at the yellow blinker. This is also Orange's South Main Street. Follow South Main Street to the center of Orange. Go straight through the first set of lights, and take a right onto Route 2A/East Main Street at the second set of lights. The Armory is about ½ mile on the left.

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TOWN	STATUTORY CHARGES	CORE SERVICE ASSESSMENT	FEE PROGRAMS Purchasing Program	FEE PROGRAMS Health Insurance	NEW COUNCIL TOTAL CHARGE FY98	FORMER COUNTY ASSESSMENT FY97	FORMER COUNTY ASSESSMENT FY96
ASHFIELD	$3,118.20	$10,740.24	$1,900.00	$267.57	$16,026.01	$18,545.88	$20,904.84
BERNARDSTON	$3,008.16	$10,361.21	$1,900.00	$576.94	$15,846.31	$17,496.11	$19,598.29
BUCKLAND	$2,735.38	$9,421.67	$1,900.00	$886.32	$14,943.37	$15,863.14	$18,291.74
CHARLEMONT	$1,821.92	$6,275.38	$1,900.00	$222.97	$10,220.27	$10,614.31	$11,758.97
COLRAIN	$2,598.27	$8,949.40	$1,900.00	$576.94	$14,024.61	$15,163.30	$16,985.19
CONWAY	$2,842.32	$9,790.01	$1,900.00	$1,064.70	$15,597.03	$16,912.91	$18,945.02
DEERFIELD	$8,166.14	$28,127.22	$2,200.00	$2,840.12	$41,333.48	$48,055.99	$54,221.94
ERVING	$3,937.68	$13,562.84	$1,900.00	$2,396.96	$21,797.48	$24,144.64	$27,437.61
GILL	$2,012.56	$6,932.00	$1,900.00	$309.38	$11,153.93	$11,547.43	$13,065.53
GREENFIELD	$21,284.99	$73,313.40	$2,200.00	$0.00	$96,798.40	$120,081.66	$135,881.49
HAWLEY	$588.33	$2,026.43	$550.00	$178.38	$3,343.14	$3,499.22	$3,919.66
HEATH	$1,002.64	$3,453.48	$1,050.00	$267.57	$5,773.69	$5,773.72	$6,532.76
LEVERETT	$2,977.34	$10,255.07	$1,900.00	$799.92	$15,932.34	$17,554.43	$19,598.29
LEYDEN	$1,057.00	$3,640.69	$1,050.00	$133.78	$5,881.47	$6,181.96	$7,186.04
MONROE	$453.04	$1,560.42	$550.00	$133.78	$2,697.24	$2,799.38	$3,266.38
MONTAGUE	$10,938.21	$37,675.23	$2,200.00	$5,451.70	$56,265.14	$63,044.33	$71,207.13
NEW SALEM	$1,335.64	$4,600.44	$1,050.00	$133.78	$7,119.86	$7,873.25	$9,145.87
NORTHFIELD	$4,244.77	$14,620.56	$1,900.00	$1,020.10	$21,785.43	$24,786.16	$28,090.88
ORANGE	$6,941.11	$23,907.76	$2,200.00	$0.00	$33,048.87	$38,024.89	$43,116.24
ROWE	$3,815.10	$13,140.61	$550.00	$755.32	$18,261.03	$24,261.28	$27,437.61
SHELBURNE	$3,112.48	$10,720.53	$1,900.00	$621.54	$16,354.55	$18,195.96	$20,904.84
SHUTESBURY	$2,793.28	$9,621.09	$1,900.00	$1,552.45	$15,866.82	$16,562.99	$18,945.02
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WARWICK	$1,104.61	$3,804.69	$1,050.00	$133.78	$6,093.08	$6,415.24	$7,186.04
WENDELL	$1,166.17	$4,016.71	$1,050.00	$222.97	$6,455.85	$6,706.84	$7,839.32
WHATELY	$2,942.84	$10,136.24	$1,900.00	$975.51	$15,954.59	$17,729.39	$20,251.57
TOTALS	$100,440.13	$345,953.01	$42,300.00	$22,854.74	$511,547.88	$583,203.78	$660,462.42

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SECTION 567 .

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, all functions, duties and responsibilities for operation and management of the jail, house of corrections and registry of deeds of Franklin county and all duties and responsibilities for operation and management of property occupied by the courts in Franklin county are hereby transferred to the commonwealth, subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, pursuant to this section, the county government of Franklin county is hereby abolished, as of July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven. Nothing in this section shall affect the existing county boundaries. All powers and duties of Franklin county under any existing regional services agreements or special acts are hereby transferred to the Franklin Council of Governments established pursuant to subsection (r).

(c) All valid liabilities and debts of Franklin county pertaining to the functions cited in subsection (a) which are in force on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, are henceforth obligations of the commonwealth, except as may be otherwise provided in this section.

(d) All valid leases and contracts of Franklin county pertaining to the functions cited in said subsection (a) which are in force on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, are henceforth obligations of the commonwealth and the commonwealth shall have authority to exercise all rights and enjoy all interests conferred upon the county by said leases and contracts except as may be otherwise provided in this section.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby transferred to the commonwealth all right, title and interest in real and personal property including without limitation, except as may be otherwise provided in this section, the Franklin county courthouse, the Franklin county registry of deeds, the Franklin county jail and house of corrections, and the land on which they are situated and the parking facilities, fixtures and improvements located thereon or associated therewith. Such transfer shall be subject to the provisions of chapter seven of the General Laws and the jurisdiction of the commissioner of the division of capital planning and operations, or his successor, as provided therein. Personal property of the offices and meeting rooms of the Franklin county commissioners shall become the property of the Franklin Council of Governments. The transfers under this subsection shall be effective and shall bind all persons, with or without notice, without any further action or documentation. The commissioner of the division of capital planning and operations, or his successor, may, from time to time, execute and record and file for registration with such registry of deeds or land court, a certificate confirming the commonwealth's ownership of any interest in the real property formerly held by Franklin county. Funds held in trust by the county of Franklin for specific charitable or program purposes other than those pertaining to the court, jail or registry of deeds shall remain under the custody of the Franklin Council of Governments.

(f) Herlihy Park, so called, a parcel of fifteen acres, more or less, located in the town of Whately and under long term lease from the county by said town for use as a recreation area, shall be offered without consideration to the town upon dissolution of the county. If the town declines to take ownership of the property within one hundred eighty days of the offer, the commonwealth shall take possession of said property without abrogation of the lease to the town of Whately.

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at the biennial state election in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and in every fourth year thereafter, and in addition at each biennial state election such number of members of the committee will be so chosen as may be required to fill vacancies. No more than one of the committee members shall be chosen from the same city or town. If two persons residing in the same city or town shall appear to have been chosen to said offices, only the person receiving the larger number of votes shall be declared elected; but if they shall receive an equal number of votes, neither person shall be declared elected. If a person residing in a city or town where a committee member who is to remain in office also resides, shall appear to have been chosen, he shall not be declared elected. If the person is not declared elected by reason of the above provisions, the person receiving the next highest number of votes for the office, and who resides in another city or town, shall be declared elected.

(i) Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the Franklin county register of deeds in office June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven shall become an employee of the commonwealth under the secretary of the commonwealth effective July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven. The register shall remain an elected official retaining local administrative control under the general direction of the state secretary. The salary of such register shall be set at a sum equivalent to sixty percent of the salary of an associate justice of the land court. The operation of the registry shall remain under the control of the register as provided by law. The budget of the registry shall be determined by the secretary of the commonwealth, subject to appropriation by the general court; the register shall appoint employees and subordinates subject to the approval of the secretary. The secretary of the commonwealth shall have the authority, if he determines after consultation with the register that a pattern of conduct, standard, practice or procedure of the registry is contrary to law, to order such official to comply with the law.

(j) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the sheriff of Franklin county in office June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, shall become an employee of the commonwealth under the secretary of public safety effective July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven. The sheriff shall remain an elected official retaining local administrative control under the general direction of the executive office of public safety. The salary of such sheriff shall be set at a level equivalent to the salary of the superintendent of a comparable state corrections facility, to be determined through a classification study conducted by the state personnel administrator.

(k) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Franklin county treasurer, appointed by the county commissioners under chapter twelve of the acts of nineteen hundred ninety-five, shall on July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, become known as the director of finance for the Franklin Council of Governments. The director of finance shall be appointed by the Franklin Council of Governments Committee. The director of finance shall have the powers and duties of a municipal treasurer under section thirty-five of chapter forty-one and under sections fifty-four, fifty-five and fifty-five A of chapter forty-four of the General Laws. The director may also incur temporary debt in anticipation of revenue for a term not to exceed one year, with the approval of a majority of the Franklin Council of Governments Committee. Such temporary debt shall not exceed one-half of the amount of the Council of Governments assessment under subsection (v). Sections sixteen to nineteen, inclusive, and sections twenty-one to twenty-two C, inclusive, of chapter forty-four of the General Laws shall, so far as apt, apply to debt issued under this subsection. The director of finance shall serve in the same capacity as the county treasurer with respect to the retirement system.

(l) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, effective July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, the commonwealth shall assume all financial control and responsibility over the Franklin county registry of deeds, Franklin county jail and house of corrections and Franklin county courthouse operations.

(m) All revenues collected from the operation of the functions cited in subsection (a) shall become revenues of the commonwealth on and after the effective date of this section, subject to the provisions of this section. All revenues collected from the operation of the functions cited in said subsection (a) before the effective date of this section which have not been expended or encumbered on or before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, shall be transferred to the commonwealth, subject to the provisions of this section. Deeds excise taxes shall be included as revenue collected for the operation of the functions cited in subsection (a).

(n) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the Franklin county sheriff, all deputies, jailers, superintendents, keepers, officers, assistants and other employees of the sheriff, employed on the effective date of this section in the discharge of their responsibilities set forth in section twenty- four of chapter thirty-seven and in section sixteen of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Laws, transferred by this section to the commonwealth, shall be transferred with no impairment of employment rights held immediately before the effective date of this section, without interruption of service, without impairment of seniority, retirement or other rights of

employees, without reduction in compensation or salary grade and without change in union representation. Any collective bargaining agreement in effect immediately before said effective date of the transfer shall continue in effect and the terms and conditions of employment therein shall continue as if the employees had not been so transferred. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to confer upon any employee any right not held immediately before the date of said transfer, or to prohibit any reduction of salary grade, transfer, reassignment, suspension, discharge, layoff or abolition of position not prohibited before such date.

All demands, notices, citations, writs, precepts, and all other notices given by the sheriff, deputies, jailers, superintendents, keepers, officers, assistants or other employees of a sheriff, as the case may be, before the effective date of this section shall be valid and effective for all purposes unless otherwise revoked, suspended, rescinded, canceled or terminated in accordance with law.

Any enforcement activity imposed by the sheriff, any deputies, jailers, superintendents, keepers, officers, assistants or other employees of the sheriff, before the effective date of this section shall be valid, effective and continuing in force according to the terms thereof for all purposes, unless superseded, revised, rescinded or canceled in accordance with law.

All petitions, hearings, appeals, suits and other proceedings duly brought against, and all petitions, hearings, appeals, suits, prosecutions and other legal proceedings begun by the sheriff, deputies, jailers, superintendents, keepers, officers, assistants or other employees of the sheriff, as the case may be, which are pending immediately before the effective date of this section, shall continue unabated and remain in force notwithstanding the passage of this section.

All records maintained by the sheriff, deputies, jailers, superintendents, keepers, officers, assistants and other employees of the sheriff before the effective date of this section shall continue to enjoy the same status in any court or administrative proceeding, whether pending on the effective date of this section or commenced thereafter, as they would have enjoyed in the absence of the passage of this section.

Employees of Franklin county registry of deeds shall be transferred to the commonwealth under the office of the state secretary as of the effective date of this section. The rights of such transferred employees will be governed by the same laws and rules generally applicable to employees of the state secretary.

(o) In the case of employees of the Franklin county jail or house of correction in the custody and control of the sheriff of Franklin county, the employer, as defined in section one of chapter one hundred and fifty E of the General Laws, shall mean the sheriff of Franklin county or any individual who is designated to represent the sheriff and act in his interest in dealing with employees.

(p) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (c) of section seven of said chapter one hundred and fifty E shall apply to the sheriff of Franklin county.

(q) Employees of Franklin county who have retired or retire on or before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven shall remain a part of the Franklin county retirement system and are subject to the health insurance plans, rules and regulations of the Franklin Council of Governments. The Franklin Council of Governments shall be a member of the Franklin county retirement system as successor to Franklin county. The powers, duties and responsibilities of Franklin county with respect to group health insurance under chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws are hereby transferred to the Franklin Council of Governments. The Franklin Council of Governments shall continue to provide health insurance coverage for covered employees transferred to the commonwealth by this section until October first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven. During the period employees continue to remain covered by the Franklin Council of Governments plan, employee payroll deductions and employer contributions shall be made by the commonwealth and paid over to the Franklin Council of Governments. The Franklin Council of Governments shall pay any necessary premiums in anticipation of reimbursement from the commonwealth. The contribution ratio effective during the transition period shall be the effective ratio for state employees.

(r) The Franklin Council of Governments is hereby established within the geographical boundaries of Franklin county. Any powers previously conferred upon the Franklin county and its county commissioners by chapter four hundred and twenty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty- three as amended shall be retained by the Franklin Council of Governments and the Franklin Council of Governments Committee. The Franklin Council of Governments Committee shall have all the powers and duties of county commissioners under chapters eighty-one to eighty-eight, inclusive, of the General Laws. The Franklin Council of Governments shall retain the powers and duties of counties under chapter one hundred and forty of the General Laws with respect to dogs and other animals.

Any and all regional planning activities or functions established for Franklin county pursuant to the provisions of chapter four hundred and twenty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and functions authorized for regional planning commissions by sections five, five A, five B, and fourteen of chapter forty B of the General Laws, shall be the responsibility of the Franklin Council of Governments Committee.

The Council of Governments Committee as the executive body and the Regional Advisory Board as the legislative body shall have and may exercise any and all authority for regional planning as may be authorized by state law and shall be responsible for the establishment of policies to guide all regional planning and development activities of the Franklin Council of Governments.

The Franklin Regional Planning Board shall advise the Council of Governments Committee and Regional Advisory Board on all issues related to planning and shall make recommendations as appropriate.

The Franklin Council of Governments may apply for state, federal or other entities' grant or other programs on such terms as apply to county governments.

(s) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the county advisory board of Franklin county shall on July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven become known as the Franklin Regional Advisory Board. The advisory board shall consist of a member of the board of selectmen of each town. Each town shall have a weighted vote based on that town's assessment for expenses of the Council of Governments. Each town's weighted vote will be computed based on the most recent biennial report of the commissioner of revenue submitting the final equalization and apportionment upon the several towns of the amount of property and the proportion by every one thousand dollars of regional services assessment which should be assessed upon each town, and assessment ratios for classes of property in each town under section ten C of chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws. The advisory board shall be the legislative and appropriating authority of the Council of Governments, and shall each spring adopt a budget for the following fiscal year.

(t) The Franklin county planning board shall henceforth be known as the Franklin Regional Planning Board. The board shall continue to be comprised of one member of each town's board of selectmen and planning board, the Council of Governments Committee, and fifteen at-large members from the region selected by the membership pursuant to its bylaws. The regional planning board shall advise the Council of Governments Committee and regional advisory board regarding any regional planning issue and shall act according to its by-laws.

(u) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or general law to the contrary, any political subdivision of the commonwealth may enter into agreement with the Franklin Council of Governments to perform jointly or for the other, or in cooperation with other entities, any service, activity or undertaking which such political subdivision is authorized by law to perform. For the term of such agreement and subject to the terms thereof, said Council of Governments shall be authorized to perform such service, activity or undertaking and the regional service area committee may designate appropriate representatives to oversee such performance, provided that the functions and duties of such representative or representatives are set forth in the agreement.

(v) Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and all subsequent fiscal years, the Franklin Council of Governments may impose a regional assessment up to one hundred and two and one-half percent of the amount of the county tax assessed under the provisions of chapter thirty-five of the General Laws for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred ninety-six. The regional assessment, shall be allocated among the members of the Council of Governments in proportion to their respective equalized valuations as reported to the general court by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with section ten C of chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws. The regional assessment shall be based upon the budget adopted by the regional advisory board, net of estimated revenues. The regional assessment shall be retained by the Franklin Council of Governments and shall be used solely for the purpose of providing regional or municipal services or both, under the authority granted above. The commonwealth shall not assess the towns of Franklin county for the transfer of former County functions either directly, through a reduction in local aid, or by any other means.

During the period July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven through June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, the regional assessment may be reduced or increased from the base year of fiscal nineteen hundred ninety-seven pursuant to the action of the Council of Governments Committee and Regional Advisory Board subject to the same formula and limits of the former county tax. After June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, this subsection may be revised pursuant to subsection (w).

(w) A Regional Charter Commission, comprised of the Franklin Council of Governments Committee and one representative from each municipality appointed by the board of selectmen, shall be constituted within ninety days of the effective date of the Franklin Council of Governments, and shall report a recommended structure for the Council of Governments not later than December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven. Each member shall have one vote and proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order. Matters shall be determined by simple majority vote. Within sixty days of the first meeting of the charter commission, the commission may vote to include other individuals or groups as members of the commission. Such proposal may include changes in the executive and representative bodies, changes in the assessment allocation formula, but not the total amount of the assessment, recommendations for further transfer of functions to the commonwealth, and other related operational rules and procedures. Such proposal shall be placed on the town meeting warrants of each town in the Franklin county region in the spring of nineteen hundred ninety-eight. Such proposal shall make provision for the method of determining approval of the charter proposal, but such method of approval must require at least a majority vote of town meeting in a majority of the towns or a majority vote in a county-wide election. Such proposal shall also include provisions for towns to enter or leave participation in the base assessment and shall include a default option to abolish the Council of Governments in event such charter proposal is not approved. Such charter shall take effect July first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

(x) The secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the Franklin Council of Governments Committee, may issue guidelines to govern the implementation of this section.

(y) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-six, all net costs incurred by, or attributable to, the operations of the Franklin county jail, registry of deeds and court facilities shall become obligations of the commonwealth, to the extent that they exceed net costs for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-five and are determined to be reasonable by the county government finance review board.

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1997-1998
PROPOSED BUDGET

APRIL 2, 1997

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGETARY FIGURES
1997-1998

ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT TITLE	1996	1997	1997	1998	1998	1998	change
			adjusted	original	adjusted	1/16/97	2/10/97	4/1/97	curr/prop
ADMINISTRATION									
L02 LVE	1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-LOCAL	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-62	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSE	250	250	250	250	250	250	0
L02 LVE	1109-000-6C	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	600	600	600	600	600	0
L02 LVE	1209-000-69	CENSUS	55	50	50	50	50	50	0
L02 U28	1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-UNION	130	130	130	134	134	134	4
L02 U28	1109-000-42	FINANCIAL AUDIT-GRANTS	520	780	780	803	803	803	23
L02 U28	1109-000-60	EDUC LEADERSHIP IMPRVMT DUES	468	503	503	508	508	508	5
L02 U28	1209-000-10	SUPT'S SALARY	19,086	19,548	19,548	20,615	20,615	20,615	1,067
L02 U28	1209-000-11	ASST SUPT'S SALARY	12,916	12,526	12,526	13,338	13,338	13,338	812
L02 U28	1209-000-20	SECRETARY'S SALARY	7,274	7,452	7,452	7,934	7,934	7,934	482
L02 U28	1209-000-21	FINANCIAL ASST'S SALARY	7,880	8,840	8,840	10,031	10,031	10,031	1,191
L02 U28	1209-000-22	BOOKKEEPER'S SALARY	4,319	4,515	4,515	4,748	4,748	4,748	233
L02 U28	1209-000-40	MACHINE RENTAL CONTRACT	65	137	137	140	140	140	3
L02 U28	1209-000-41	MACHINE MAINTENANCE	598	598	598	615	615	615	17
L02 U28	1209-000-42	COMPUTER CONTRACTED SERVICES	598	910	910	936	936	936	26
L02 U28	1209-000-43	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	0	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145
L02 U28	1209-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	624	624	624	642	642	642	18
L02 U28	1209-000-51	POSTAGE	911	910	910	936	936	936	26
L02 U28	1209-000-52	PRINTING EXPENSE	130	130	130	134	134	134	4
L02 U28	1209-000-53	CLASSIFIED ADS	416	416	416	428	428	428	12
L02 U28	1209-000-62	SUPT'S CONFERENCE	494	676	676	696	696	696	20
L02 U28	1209-000-63	PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY	182	198	198	187	187	187	-11
L02 U28	1209-000-64	SUPT'S TRAVEL	553	553	553	569	569	569	16
L02 U28	1209-000-67	ASST SUPT'S TRAVEL	430	430	430	442	442	442	12
L02 U28	1209-000-69	OFFICE CONFERENCES	65	130	130	134	134	134	4
		TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	59,565	61,907	61,907	67,016	67,016	67,016	5,109

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGETARY FIGURES
1997-1998

ACCOUNT NUMBER			ACCOUNT TITLE	1996 adjusted	1997 original	1997 adjusted	1998 1/16/97	1998 2/10/97	1998 4/1/97	change curr/prop
INSTRUCTION										
L02	LVE	2201-000-10	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	52,020	53,060	53,060	53,060	53,060	53,060	0
L02	LVE	2201-000-20	CLERICAL SALARY	16,569	19,215	19,215	20,066	20,066	20,066	851
L02	LVE	2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,800	3,800	3,800	600
L02	LVE	2201-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,400	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
L02	LVE	2201-000-69	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	400	700	700	1,000	1,000	1,000	300
L02	LVE	2250-000-50	ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
L02	LVE	2300-000-10	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINGENCY	0	0	0	31,069	31,069	22,069	22,069
L02	LVE	2301-000-10	TEACHERS' SALARIES	488,824	499,729	516,729	544,085	540,199	540,199	23,470
L02	LVE	2301-000-30	TEACHER AIDES' SALARIES	48,845	48,487	42,987	50,583	50,583	50,583	7,596
L02	LVE	2301-000-40	ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER	0	300	300	0	0	0	-300
L02	LVE	2301-000-41	SUBSTITUTES' SALARIES	5,400	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	1,000
L02	LVE	2301-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	16,800	18,250	18,250	18,750	18,250	18,250	0
L02	LVE	2301-000-56	SUMMER PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02	LVE	2301-000-57	AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02	LVE	2301-00K-50	KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	1,800	1,000	1,000	900	900	900	-100
L02	LVE	2302-000-17	NURSE'S SALARY-SPED	13,154	13,538	14,238	14,361	11,453	11,453	-2,785
L02	LVE	2302-000-40	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	14,000	18,000	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	0
L02	LVE	2302-000-64	SPED TRAVEL	25	25	25	25	25	25	0
L02	LVE	2302-000-90	EARLY CHILDHOOD SPED SUPPORT	4,837	4,817	1,117	6,165	6,165	6,165	5,048
L02	LVE	2309-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,050	300	300	300	300	300	0
L02	LVE	2350-000-41	PROF DEV SUBSTITUTES' SALARIES	0	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	300
L02	LVE	2350-000-50	PROF LIBRARY-STAFF	400	400	400	400	400	400	0
L02	LVE	2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	2,150	3,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	0
L02	LVE	2401-000-50	TEXTBOOKS & INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	3,000	3,500	3,500	5,300	3,500	3,500	0
L02	LVE	2450-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE	7,000	7,000	1,000	7,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
L02	LVE	2501-000-10	LIBRARIAN'S SALARY	6,134	6,516	6,516	6,516	6,516	6,516	0
L02	LVE	2501-000-30	LIBRARY AIDE'S SALARY	2,747	5,630	5,630	6,778	3,121	3,121	-2,509
L02	LVE	2501-000-50	LIBRARY MATERIALS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02	LVE	2601-000-50	AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
L02	LVE	2802-000-10	PSYCHOLOGIST'S SALARY	19,683	20,077	20,077	20,077	20,077	20,077	0
L03	U28	2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	520	520	520	535	535	535	15
			TOTAL INSTRUCTION	713,958	738,964	742,964	828,271	811,520	802,520	59,556

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGETARY FIGURES
1997-1998

ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT TITLE	1996 adjusted	1997 original	1997 adjusted	1998 1/16/97	1998 2/10/97	1998 4/1/97	change curr/prop
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES									
L02 LVE	3201-000-10	NURSE'S SALARY - REG	4,368	4,513	4,713	4,787	3,818	3,818	-895
L02 LVE	3201-000-12	NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	6,956	7,364	7,364	7,738	7,738	7,738	374
L02 LVE	3201-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY-REG	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
L02 LVE	3201-000-50	HEALTH SUPPLIES	750	750	750	750	750	750	0
L02 LVE	3302-000-40	SPED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE	3409-000-69	FOOD SERVICE	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
L02 LVE	3529-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
		TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	12,175	16,728	16,928	17,376	16,407	16,407	-521
PLANT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE									
L02 LVE	4119-000-32	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	43,215	44,573	39,573	45,330	45,330	45,330	5,757
L02 LVE	4119-000-50	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	1,000
L02 LVE	4129-000-66	FUEL	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0
L02 LVE	4139-000-65	SCHOOL POWER	21,775	21,775	19,275	21,775	21,775	21,775	2,500
L02 LVE	4139-000-68	SCHOOL TELEPHONE	2,200	2,900	2,900	2,400	2,400	2,400	-500
L02 LVE	4219-000-69	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0
L02 LVE	4229-000-69	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	17,000	11,950	11,950	12,000	12,000	12,000	50
L02 LVE	4230-000-69	EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE	8,000	8,500	10,100	10,500	10,500	10,500	400
L02 LVE	4239-000-64	MAINTENANCE TRAVEL	775	775	775	775	775	775	0
L02 LVE	4239-000-69	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2,000	5,050	5,050	5,050	5,050	5,050	0
L02 LVE	4249-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
L02 LVE	4249-000-69	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	4,050	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	0
L02 LVE	4250-000-69	TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS	0	0	0	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
L02 U28	4119-000-32	CENTRAL OFFICE CUSTODIAN'S SALARY	511	498	498	593	593	593	95
L02 U28	4139-000-68	CENTRAL OFFICE TELEPHONE	833	832	832	856	856	856	24
		TOTAL PLANT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	117,460	117,654	111,754	124,680	124,680	124,680	12,926
FIXED CHARGES									
L02 LVE	5209-000-6I	SCHOOL COMMITTEE INSURANCE	300	300	300	300	300	300	0
L02 LVE	5209-000-6S	STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0
L02 U28	5209-000-6D	DISABILITY INSURANCE	94	94	94	96	96	96	2
L02 U28	5309-000-6E	CENTRAL OFFICE RENT	1,145	1,144	1,144	1,231	1,231	1,231	87
		TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	2,739	2,738	2,738	2,827	2,827	2,827	89

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGETARY FIGURES
1997-1998

ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT TITLE	1996 adjusted	1997 original	1997 adjusted	1998 1/16/97	1998 2/10/97	1998 4/1/97	change curr/prop
ACQUISITION/IMPROVEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS									
L02 LVE	7209-000-80	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE	7309-000-80	ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE	7409-000-80	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	7,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
L02 U28	7309-000-80	CENTRAL OFFICE NEW EQUIPMENT	651	650	650	669	669	669	19
TOTAL ACQUISITION/IMPROVEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS			8,151	650	650	669	669	669	19
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS									
L03 SHE	9102-000-90	SPED TUITION	0	0	1,700	0	0	0	-1,700
TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS			0	0	1,700	0	0	0	-1,700
GRAND TOTAL			914,048	938,641	938,641	1,040,839	1,023,119	1,014,119	75,478

Art. 11

Fiftieth, the increased value of residential real property as a result of alterations or improvements thereto, not to exceed five hundred dollars of taxes due; provided, however, that said alterations or improvements are made to provide housing for a person who is at least sixty years old and who is not the owner of the premises; provided further, that any such alterations or improvements must be made to a house, consisting of no more than three units prior to such alterations or improvements and which is owned and occupied by the applicant as his domicile; and provided, further, that the applicant shall annually furnish to the assessors a statement under oath that the alterations or improvements were made to provide housing for a person who is at least sixty years old. This exemption shall terminate when the premises are no longer occupied by any such elderly person. No person shall receive more than one exemption under the provisions of this clause in any fiscal year. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or town and shall apply only to alterations or improvements made on or after the date of such acceptance by such city or town.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
William Francis Galvin

City/Town : Leverett

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, I certify that the number of people who voted in the election was as follows:
Date of election: April 5, 1997

In accordance with the General Laws, I certify that at the close of registration on the number of registered voters was as follows:
Date of close of registration: March 14, 1997

WD.	PCT.	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED	WD.	PCT.	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED
1	1	1230	94				
TOTAL							

CITY OR TOWN CLERK OR ELECTION COMMISSIONER: D'Ann Sauer Kelty

Please return this form within 5 days after the election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Division, Room 1705, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of The Secretary of The Commonwealth
Town Officers Elected

Town of Leverett

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, I certify that the following persons were elected to town offices at the annual town election held on April 5, 1997.
(Date of Election)

Town Clerk D'Ann Sauer Kelty

Return immediately after town election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Division, McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA02108-1512

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Assessor	George Gibavic	2000
Auditor	Stephen Nagy	1998
Board of Health	Steven Blinn	2000
Library Trustee	Susan Nagy	2000
" "	Robert Schuyler	2000
Constable	Ethan Howard	2000
Finance Comm	Richard Roberts Jr	2000
" "	John V. Ridgway	1999
Asst. Moderator	Nancy Gibavic	1998
Planning Bd	Gary MacLean	2002
School Comm.	Charles Paulin	2000
" "	Michael Katz	2000
" "	Laurie Brown	1998
" "	Laurie Millman	1998
Selectboard	James Perkins	2000
Tree Warden	William Stratford	1998

NAMES OF THE SELECTMEN AND CLERKS

TOWN: Leverett

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**TERM EXPIRES**
Chairperson:	
Donald Gibavic	1999
Fenna Lee Bonsignore	1998
James Perkins	2000

DATE OF TOWN MEETING: April 5, 1997

TOWN CLERK: D'Ann Sauer Kelty **Term Expires:** 1998

Town Clerk: Appointed or Elected (Please Circle)

Town Clerk's Business Phone: (413) 548-9150 **Home Phone:** (413) 548-9797

Clerk's FAX number OR other town office FAX number: (413) 548-9150

Town Clerk's Office Hours: M 7-10pm T-Th 2pm-5pm

Town Clerk's Mailing Address and Zip Code: Box 178
(Office, not home)
Leverett MA 01054

If town clerk is elected/appointed this year, name of individual elected:

Term Expires:

Home Phone: ( )

Signed D'Ann Sauer Kelty
(Town Clerk)

Please return within five days to:

Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division
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One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
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Town of Leverett
P.O. Box 300
Leverett, MA 01054

Administrative Assistant
(413)548-9699 M & T

February 4, 1997

The Recorder
14 Hope Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

Please publish the following notice in the legal notices section on Monday February 17 and Monday February 24, 1997.

Town of Leverett
PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

A hearing will be held at the Town Hall on Monday March 3, 1997 at 8:00 PM to discuss a proposed amendment to the town general bylaws to be voted on at the annual town meeting on April 5, 1997. This amendment would establish the town meeting quorum at 5% of the active voting list rather than 5% of the voters. The full text of the proposed amendment is on file with the Town Clerk.

MINUTES
TOWN OF LEVERETT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by Moderator Gary Gruber, who declared a quorum present.

A motion was made by Tom Wolff to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Motion was seconded and carried.

Recognition was given to the library Board of Trustees and Librarian who recently received word of a state grant for $20,000 to begin planning for a new library building.

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional $775.00 for wages under Snow/Ice Control.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional $775.00 for wages under Snow/Ice Control.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional $7,255 for the Amherst/Pelham Regional School.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional **$3906.00** for the Amherst/Pelham Regional School.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to adjust the grand total for the FY 97 operating budget to $2,535,840.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to adjust the grand total for the FY 97 operating budget to **$2,532,491.**
Motion was seconded and carried.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $10,000 to be transferred into the Stabilization Account.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate $10,000 to be transferred into the Stabilization Account.
Motion seconded and carried.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $333.53 which represents the town's share of the Franklin County dog moneys from the General Fund to the Library Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 140 Section 172.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote the sum of $333.53 which represents the town's share of the Franklin County dog moneys from the General Fund to the Library Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 140 Section 172.
Motion seconded and carried.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to create a school building committee and to authorize the selectboard to set the size of the membership of that committee and to appoint its members or to take any other action thereto.

Karen Rubin: I move that the Town vote to create a school building committee and to authorize the selectboard to set the size of the membership of that committee and to appoint its members or to take any other action thereto.
Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

At 8:30 there was a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.

Minutes recorded by

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

Town of Leverett Special Town Meeting

September 30, 1996

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM at said Leverett, on Monday September 30, 1996 at 8:00 in the evening (8:00 PM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional $775.00 for wages under Snow/Ice Control.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional $7,255 for the Amherst/Pelham Regional School.

Article Three: To see if the town will vote to adjust the grand total for the Fy 97 operating budget to $ 2,535,840.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.
Given under our hands this 9th day of September, A.D. 1996.

A true copy Attest:
D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD LEVERETT
Donald L. Gibavic
Fenna Lee Bonsignore
Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:
Date: 9/11/96 Constable: Ethan V. Hawandt

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Town of Leverett Special Town Meeting

September 30, 1996

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Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD LEVERETT

Donald L. Gibavic

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Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date:_____ Constable: _____

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

There will be a special voter registration session before the September 30 Special Town Meeting. You must be registered by September 20 in order to vote at this Town Meeitng. Registration will be at the Town Hall from 9-5 and at the home of the Town Clerk (16 Juggler Meadow Road) from 5-8pm.

FY 97 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Saturday, March 30, 1996

9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

Franklin SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 30 th of March next, at 9:00 in the morning (9:00 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $28,539 to purchase and equip a 4 wheel- drive police vehicle.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $8,000 to purchase a new dump body for the highway department.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $ 8,000 to repair the Town Hall roof.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see whether the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the easterly side of Montague Road said to contain 7.8 acres of land more or less and believed to be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, described herein and to borrow a sum not to exceed $65,200 therefor. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate. transfer from available funds or borrow $1.500 to hire engineering services to develop a site plan and a septic system design for the public safety public works complex.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 as a bill of prior years to pay for contracted nursing services for the Leverett Elementary School.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $200 to obtain a base map of the town.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate. transfer from available funds or borrow $ 10,000 to bring the bathrooms at the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and or the Selectboard to apply for any State and or federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design. construction. and original equipping of a new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. Chapter 44. Section 53E 1 2 for the purpose of supplementing the Town Hall maintenance. equipment and furnishings budget. Monies collected from fund raising and credited to the *Town Hall Revolving Fund* may be expended by the selectboard without further appropriation to pay for materials and or contractors. The amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the following revolving funds:

The *Night Custodian Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993

The *Library Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994

The *Telephone Book Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995

The *Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 14. April 29, 1995

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to ask the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special law as follows:

Section 1: The Town of Leverett is hereby authorized to enter into contracts to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new addition to the existing public school facility or a new free standing adjoining public school facility to the elementary school in said town without such a contract being subject to the competitive bid process as set forth in Sections 38A 1/2 to 38O inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws. Chapter 30B of the General Laws, Sections 26 to 27G, inclusive, in Sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, Sections 1-1 to 1-21 of Chapter 70 App. of the General Laws and Section 39M of Chapter 30 of the General Laws.

Section 2: If the Town of Leverett shall fail to commence construction of the project identified herein within three (3) years from the effective date of this act, then the provisions of the act should become inoperative.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1995 which amends Chapter 32 of the MGL regarding pension and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20 day of March, 1996.

A true copy I attest: SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Judy Batty, Town Clerk

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

FY 97 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Saturday, March 30, 1996

9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

Franklin SS.

To one of the Constables of Leverett:

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ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses. BUDGET OF $2,527,810 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $28,539 to purchase and equip a 4 wheel- drive police vehicle.

Motion to raise $18,539 and take $10,000 from Stabilization carried unanimously

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, ~~transfer from available funds or borrow~~ the sum of $8,000 to purchase a new dump body for the highway department.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote ~~to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow~~ (borrow) a sum not to exceed $425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $ 8,000 to repair the Town Hall roof. ARTICLE DISMISSED

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see whether the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the easterly side of Montague Road said to contain 7.8 acres of land more or less and believed to be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, described herein and to borrow a sum not to exceed $65,200 therefor. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

YES-74, NO-8 MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate. ~~transfer from available funds or borrow~~ $1,500 to hire engineering services to develop a site plan and a septic system design for the public safety public works complex. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the town will vote to take from free cash ~~raise and appropriate the sum~~ of $200 as a bill of prior years to pay for contracted nursing services for the Leverett Elementary School.

YES-82, NO-1 MOTION CARRIED

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate. ~~transfer from available funds or borrow~~ $ 10,000 to bring the bathrooms at the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund.

PASSED OVER

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and or the Selectboard to apply for any State and or federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction, and original equipping of a new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation. YES-92, NO-0 MOTION CARRIED

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Section 1: The Town of Leverett is hereby authorized to enter into contracts to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new addition to the existing public school facility or a new free standing adjoining public school facility to the elementary school in said town without such a contract being subject to the competitive bid process as set forth in Sections 38A 1/2 to 38O inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, Chapter 30B of the General Laws, Sections 26 to 27G, inclusive, in Sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, Sections 1-1 to 1-21 of Chapter 70 App. of the General Laws and Section 39M of Chapter 30 of the General Laws.

Section 2: If the Town of Leverett shall fail to commence construction of the project identified herein within three (3) years from the effective date of this act, then the provisions of the act should become inoperative.

PASSED

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1995 which amends Chapter 32 of the MGL regarding pension and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

CARRIED

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20 day of March, 1996.

A true copy I attest:

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Judy Batty, Town Clerk

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Minutes
Town of Leverett Annual Town Meeting
March 30, 1996

The Meeting was convened by the moderator, Richard Howland, at 9:13 AM, a Quorum being present. Mr. Howland concluded with an invocation of respect for the ever triumphant - GO UMASS! Ted Halstrom, the Elementary School Principal, offered thanks to the PTO and the people of the town for the additions to the school such as were visible in the school gym where Town Meeting was being held.

There was no reading of the warrant.

Article One: To choose all necessary Town Officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town by-law.

The following officers were elected by one unanimous vote cast by the Town Clerk:
Assessor, 3 year term: David Palmer
Auditor, 1 year term: Steve Nagy
Board of Health, 3 year term: Peter Reich
Board of Health, 3 year term: David Pozar
Constable, 3 year term: John Swartz
Finance Committee, 3 year term: Dennis Paquette
Library Trustee, 3 year term: Sondra Corcoran
Library Trustee, 3 year term: Chris Condit
Moderator, 3 year term: Gary Gruber
Assistant Moderator, 1 year term: Nancy Gibavic
Planning Board, 5 year term: Jeff McQueen
Planning Board, 5 year term: Sid Poritz
School Committee, 3 year term: Bob Stachowiak
Selectboard, 3 year term: Don Gibavic
Tree Warden, 1 year term: Will Stratford

Article Two: To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

The Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector were held and it was explained that plumbing is now split with Gas and is considered a change in accounting. The Regional School assessment line was held and raised from $723,000 to 736,078 by Bob Stachowiak of the School Committee. The question concerning Dept P and I's large jump in price was answered, saying that it was the new roof for the ARJHS and the first payment for the High School addition.
A final FY 97 budget of $2,527,810 was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond Monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways and other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies and authorize the Selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Seconded. Finance Committee was not represented. Passed Unanimously.

At this time, it was moved by Lorna Rivers and seconded to take Article 15 out of order. Carried.

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and/or the Selectboard to apply for any State and/or Federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction, and original equipping of a new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received withour further appropriation.

Don Gibivic: I move that we authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for any State and/or Federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction, and original equipping of the new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

Seconded: Vote taken (majority vote required) Yes: 92; No: 0

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $28,539 to purchase and equip a 4-wheel drive police vehicle.

Don Gibivic: I move that the town vote to borrow the sum of $28,539 to purchase and equip a 4-wheel drive police vehicle.

Finance Committee left work that they do not support this article. Friendly discussion followed and the motion was changed to "raise $18,539 and transfer from the stabilization funds $10,000"
Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from funds or borrow the sum of $8,000 to purchase a new dump body for the highway department.

Don Gibivic: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000 to purchase a new dump body.
Seconded. The finance committee approved in absentia. Capital Planning recommended. Passed unanimously.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

Alice Rarig: I move to vote to borrow $425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.
Seconded. Discussion followed to explain possible options regarding different materials which could be used. Good news! Leverett came in third in the state for the amount of materials recycled. We recycle 60% (Belchertown came in first with 63% recycling) Our recycling saved us $9,000 in tipping fees this year.
Motion Carried unanimously.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, or borrow $8,000 to repair the Town Hall roof.

Don Gibivic: I make a motion to dismiss this article because Don Ogden will be in town this summer and has asked that we wait so that he can evaluate and possibly fix it himself.
seconded. Carried.

Article Eight: To see whether the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to acquire by Deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the Easterly side of Montague Road said to contain 7.8 acres of land more or less and believed to be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, described herein and tc borrow a sum not to exceed $65,200 therefore. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town acquire the land on the Easterly side of Montague Road owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, not to exceed $65,200.

Seconded. Discussion followed and a map showing the land as it relates to the existing town properties was shown. Richard Howland read the specific description, and cautioned that we were only voting on what he read, not on any other description. It was stated that the price offered is based on what Mr. Lewis is presently paying taxes on rather than the assessed value. Mr. Lewis acknowledged the town need for part of the land but stated that he did not want the Town to take all the land.
Vote taken (2/3 vote required): Yes: 74; No: 8 Motion carried.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $1,500 to hire engineering services to develop a site plan and a septic system design for the public safety/public works complex.

Alice Rarig: I move to vote to raise and appropriate $1,500 to hire engineering services to develop a site plan and a septic system design for the public safety/ public works complex.
Seconded. No recommendation from Capitol Planning
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 as a bill of prior years to pay for contracted nursing services for the Leverett Elementary School.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move for the Town to take from free cash the sum of $200 to pay for the contracted nursing services for the Leverett Elementary School.
Seconded. Vote taken (4/5 vote required) Yes:82; No: 1. Motion carried.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $200 to obtain a base map 6f the town.

Don Gibivic: I move for the Town to raise and appropriate $200 to obtain a base mapof the town.
Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund.

raise and appropriate DSK, DC 5/15/97

Alice Rarig: I move to (~~transfer from available funds~~) $2,500 for the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund. Motion carried.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $10,000 to bring the bathrooms at the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Don Gibivic: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate $10,000 to bring the bathrooms at the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans With Disibilities Act. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move to pass over Article fourteen.
Don Gibivic: I move to dismiss.

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of supplementing the Town Hall maintenance, equipment and furnishings budget. Monies collected from fund raising and credited to the Town Hall Maintenance Revolving Fund may be expended by the Selectboard without further appropriation to pay for materials and/or contractors. The amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

Alice Rarig: I so move. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the following revolving funds:

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The Library Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994;

The Telephone Book Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995;

The Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 14, April 29,1995.

Don Gibivic: So moved. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to ask the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special law as follows:

Section 1: The Town of Leverett is hereby authorized to enter into contracts to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new addition to the existing public school facility or a new free standing adjoining public school facility to the elementary school in said town without such a contract being subject to the competitive bid process as set forth in Section 38A½ to 380 inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, in Sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, Sections 1-1 to 1-21 of Chapter 70 App. of the General Laws and Section 39M of Chapter 139 as the case may be.

Article 18 Continued:
Section 2: If the Town of Leverett shall fail to commence construction of the project identified herein within three (3) years from the effective date of this act, then the provisions of the act should become inoperative.

Charlie Paulen: So moved.
seconded. Motion passed.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1995 which amends Chapter 32 of the MGL regarding pension and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that we dismiss this article.
Seconded. Carried.

There was a motion to adjourn at 11:58 AM. Motion was seconded and carried.

Minutes recorded by acting Town Clerk, Judith S. Batty.

EXHIBIT "A"

All of Debtor's tangible and intangible personal property located at or used in connection with 73 Cave Hill Road, Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts, including without limitation, all materials, new and used motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, equipment, goods, inventory, accounts, accounts receivable, contract rights, chattel paper, general intangibles and amounts owed by other than customers, regardless of whether or not they constitute proceeds of other collateral; all chooses in action, cash, cash deposits, securities, documents, rebates, documents of title, instruments, deposit accounts, debts, refunds, policies and certificates of insurance, obligations and liabilities in whatever form owing from any person, corporation, or other legal entity, including all replacements and evidences of title, goodwill and all papers relating to the operation of the Debtor's business; all federal, state, and local tax refunds and/or abatements and any loss forward and carry back tax refunds; all patents, patent rights, trade secrets, know-how, licenses, trademarks, trade names, logos, registrations, leases, any and all equipment leases, rentals and other sums payable in leased equipment and insurance proceeds; all licenses, including without limitation all interests in real estate; all liens, guarantees, securities, rights, remedies and privileges pertaining to all of the foregoing, all property allocable to unshipped orders and all merchandise returned by or reclaimed by or repossessed from customers, all rights of stoppage in transit, replevin, repossession and reclamation and all other rights of an unpaid vendor or lienor; and all interest of the Debtor in goods or merchandise as to which an account receivable for goods sold or delivered has arisen; including without limitation, any property which may be further described and annexed hereto and made a part hereof, as if re-stated herein;

And all of the above, wherever located, whether now owned or now due or hereafter arising or acquired or coming due and including the produces, and proceeds of credit, fire, casualty, or other insurance upon said property, or any of the above which are acquired with any cash proceeds, or other collateral, (all hereinafter called the "Collateral"). The term "proceeds" shall include, without limitation, all types or classifications of non-cash proceeds acquired with cash proceeds and all insurance expirations.

FY 97 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Saturday, March 30, 1996

9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

Franklin SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 30 th of March next, at 9:00 in the morning (9:00 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and or maintenance related work.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $28,539 to purchase and equip a 4 wheel- drive police vehicle.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $8,000 to purchase a new dump body for the highway department.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $ 8,000 to repair the Town Hall roof.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see whether the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method, the land on the easterly side of Montague Road said to contain 7.8 acres of land more or less and believed to be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, described herein and to borrow a sum not to exceed $65,200 therefor. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $1,500 to hire engineering services to develop a site plan and a septic system design for the public safety/public works complex.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 as a bill of prior years to pay for contracted nursing services for the Leverett Elementary School.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $200 to obtain a base map of the town.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500 for the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow $ 10,000 to bring the bathrooms at the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and/or the Selectboard to apply for any State and/or federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction, and original equipping of a new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the purpose of supplementing the Town Hall maintenance, equipment and furnishings budget. Monies collected from fund raising and credited to the *Town Hall Revolving Fund* may be expended by the selectboard without further appropriation to pay for materials and/or contractors. The amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the following revolving funds:

The *Night Custodian Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993

The *Library Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 16, April 30, 1994

The *Telephone Book Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995

The *Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund* as authorized by Article 14, April 29, 1995

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to ask the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special law as follows:

Section 1: The Town of Leverett is hereby authorized to enter into contracts to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new addition to the existing public school facility or a new free standing adjoining public school facility to the elementary school in said town without such a contract being subject to the competitive bid process as set forth in Sections 38A 1/2 to 38O inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, Chapter 30B of the General Laws, Sections 26 to 27G, inclusive, in Sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, Sections 1-1 to 1-21 of Chapter 70 App. of the General Laws and Section 39M of Chapter 30 of the General Laws.

Section 2: If the Town of Leverett shall fail to commence construction of the project identified herein within three (3) years from the effective date of this act, then the provisions of the act should become inoperative.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1995 which amends Chapter 32 of the MGL regarding pension and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this day of March, 1996.

A true copy I attest: SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Judy Batty, Town Clerk

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Fy 97 Estimated Revenues

LEVY LIMIT		Fy 96	Fy 97
Fy 95 Levy Base		1,789,279	1,875,588.00
	0.025	44,732	46,890.00
New Growth		41,577	27,523.00
Subtotal		1,875,588	1,950,001.00
Debt Exclusion		131,754	165,253.00
Override			
Capital Exclusion			18,539.00
EST Fy 96 Levy Limit		**2,007,342**	**2,133,793**
LOCAL AID			
Chap 70			
School Lunch			
Subtotal School		114,297	140,596
Lottery		96,967	107,396
Highway		33,702	33,702
Exemptions		4,456	4,456
State Land		1,604	1,604
Library Offset		2,093	2,093
Subtotal Gen Gov		138,822	149,251
TOTAL Local Aid		**253,119**	**289,847**
LOCAL RECEIPTS		**183,000**	**190,000**
TOTAL REVENUE		2,443,461	2,613,640

Summary of Expenditures

Operating Budget	2,514,732.00	
R/A Articles	48,759.00	
Overlay	30,000.00	
CS Charges	27,544.00	
Offsets	3,213.00	
TOTAL Expenditures	2,624,248.00	
Revenue-Expenditures	(10,608.00)	tax rate =20.20
If Reg School=743734	(31,342.00)	tax rate = 20.39

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Fy 97 Budget

DEPARTMENT	Fy96	FY 97 Proposed
113 **TOWN MEETING**		
Salaries	200.00	200.00
Expenses	245.00	245.00
TOTAL	445.00	445.00
114 **MODERATOR**	50.00	50.00
122 **SELECTMEN**		
Salaries		
Chair	1,050.00	1,050.00
2 members	2,000.00	2,000.00
Clerk	8,677.00	8,894.00
Subtotal	11,727.00	11,944.00
Expenses		
Telephone	275.00	275.00
Supplies/dues/misc	1,500.00	1,500.00
bids/ads	200.00	200.00
Postage	185.00	185.00
Travel/conference	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	2,260.00	2,260.00
TOTAL	13,987.00	14,204.00
124 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**		
Salary	18,552.00	19,016.00
Expenses	830.00	830.00
TOTAL	19,382.00	19,846.00
131 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**	95.00	95.00
132 **RESERVE FUND**	25,000.00	25,000.00
135 **ACCOUNTING OFFICER**		
Salaries/wages	6,180.00	6,335.00
Expenses		
Biennial Audit	2,700.00	2,700.00
Software Support	495.00	495.00
Telephone	90.00	90.00
Book Binding	80.00	80.00
Supplies	75.00	75.00
Conf/Travel	40.00	40.00
Dues	30.00	30.00
Subtotal	3,510.00	3,510.00
TOTAL	9,690.00	9,845.00
141 **ASSESSORS**		
Salaries		
Chair	998.00	998.00
2 members	1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk	950.00	974.00
Subtotal	3,848.00	3,872.00
Expenses		
Maps	400.00	100.00
Forms	150.00	150.00
Reg of Deeds	267.00	150.00
Telephone	80.00	80.00
Dues	53.00	50.00
Supplies		120.00
Subtotal	950.00	650.00
TOTAL	4,798.00	4,522.00
142 **REVAL/MAINTENANCE**		
Salary	8,000.00	8,000.00

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145 **TREASURER**		
Salaries/Wages	6,180.00	6,335.00
Expenses		
Software Support	555.00	555.00
Envelopes/postage	500.00	500.00
Bond	305.00	305.00
Checks/W-2's	300.00	300.00
Banking Services	150.00	150.00
Telephone	90.00	90.00
Bookbinding	80.00	80.00
Supplies	50.00	50.00
Borrowing	50.00	50.00
Conf/travel	50.00	50.00
Dues	35.00	35.00
Subtotal	2,165.00	2,165.00
TOTAL	8,345.00	8,500.00
146 **COLLECTOR**		
Salaries/wages	6,180.00	6,335.00
Expenses		
Envelopes/Postage	1,000.00	1,250.00
Bond	432.00	432.00
Software Contract	360.00	85.00
Tax Bills	350.00	375.00
Bookbinding	90.00	90.00
Telephone	90.00	100.00
Supplies	40.00	30.00
Dues	35.00	35.00
Conf/Travel	35.00	35.00
Subtotal	2,432.00	2,432.00
TOTAL	8,612.00	8,767.00
149 **CAPITAL PLANNING**	100.00	100.00
151 **TOWN COUNSEL**	1,000.00	1,000.00
161 **TOWN CLERK**		
Salary	6,828.00	6,999.00
Census input/data collection	650.00	650.00
Subtotal	7,478.00	7,649.00
Expenses		
Supplies/Forms/Dues	180.00	180.00
Bond	50.00	50.00
Postage	75.00	75.00
Travel/Conf	300.00	300.00
Census	415.00	415.00
Subtotal	1,020.00	1,020.00
TOTAL	8,498.00	8,669.00
162 **ELECTIONS**		
Salaries		
Poll Workers/police	700.00	1,300.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	800.00	1,400.00
163 **REGISTRARS**		
Salaries (4)	170.00	170.00
Expenses	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	220.00	220.00
171 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**		
Salary/Secretary	1,030.00	1,056.00
Expenses		
Memberships	100.00	100.00
Legal Notices/Postage	675.00	675.00
Subtotal	775.00	775.00
TOTAL	1,805.00	1,831.00

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175 **PLANNING BOARD**		
Consulting	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies/Advertising/Dues	350.00	350.00
TOTAL	1,350.00	1,350.00
176 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**	150.00	150.00
192 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENANCE**		
Wages/Town Hall Janitor	2,500.00	2,563.00
Expenses		
Maintenance	3,750.00	3,750.00
Electricity	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fuel Oil	4,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment	250.00	250.00
Subtotal	13,000.00	13,000.00
TOTAL	15,500.00	15,563.00
193 **BUILDING INSURANCE**		
Commercial package	5,960.00	5,960.00
Boiler	770.00	770.00
TOTAL	6,730.00	6,730.00
195 **TOWN REPORTS**	1,400.00	1,500.00
198 **NEWSLETTER**	1,168.00	1,416.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	**137,125.00**	**139,203.00**
210 **POLICE**		
Wages		
Chief	6,530.00	6,693.00
Clerk	1,160.00	1,189.00
Regular Hours	27,280.00	27,962.00
Court Hours	3,180.00	3,260.00
Training	2,400.00	2,460.00
Subtotal	40,550.00	41,564.00
Expenses		
Vehicles	7,500.00	7,500.00
Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
Radio/Radar	2,350.00	1,350.00
Dues	150.00	150.00
Uniforms	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone	1,200.00	2,200.00
Subtotal	15,200.00	15,200.00
Insurance		
Police Workers'Comp	2,075.00	2,075.00
Subtotal	2,075.00	2,075.00
TOTAL	57,825.00	58,839.00
220 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**		
Wages		
Chief	3,500.00	3,588.00
Deputy Chief	440.00	451.00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00	51.00
2 Captains	440.00	451.00
Response Pay	5,578.00	5,717.00
Lieutenant	110.00	113.00
Inspection, salary	1,000.00	1,025.00
Training	2,200.00	5,500.00
Subtotal	13,318.00	16,896.00
Expenses		
Training	500.00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance	4,500.00	4,500.00
Gas/Oil	850.00	850.00
Mutual Aid	120.00	120.00
Brush Fires	650.00	650.00
Postage	30.00	30.00

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	Capital	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Electricity	475.00	475.00
	Fuel Oil	300.00	300.00
	Inspection Mileage	300 00	300.00
	Telephone	400.00	400.00
	Subtotal	10,625.00	10,625.00
	Insurance		
	Firefighter's Worker's Comp	3,400.00	3,400.00
	TOTAL	27,343.00	30,921.00
231	**AMBULANCE**	6,480.00	10,710.00
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**	10,715.00	9,451.00
242	**GAS INSP**	8,422.00	4,825.00
243	**PLUMBING INSP**		4,279 00
245	**ELECTRICAL INSP**	4,553.00	7,454.00
249	**ANIMAL INSPECTOR salary**	100.00	100.00
291	**EMERGENCY PLANNING**	25.00	25.00
292	**DOG OFFICER**		
	Salary	650.00	650.00
	Expenses	90.00	90.00
	TOTAL	740.00	740.00
299	**TREE WARDEN**	6,000.00	6,000.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	**122,203.00**	**133,344.00**
300	**SCHOOLS**		
	School Committee	250.00	250.00
	Elementary School	914,048.00	938,641.00
	Retirement	15,541.00	17,322.00
	Workers Comp	6,582 00	9,000.00
	Unemployment	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Health Ins	53,000.00	53,000.00
	Life Ins	400 00	450.00
	Medicare	8,580.00	8,580.00
	School Nurse Liability Ins		53 00
	DebtP	61,686.00	59,441.00
	DebtI	14,900.00	12,461.00
	Regional School	628,444.00	~~723,000.00~~ 736,078.00
	Debt P& I	18,836.00	76,112.00
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	**1,723,967.00**	~~1,900,010.00~~ 1,913,088.00
422	**HIGHWAY DEPT.**		
	Wages		
	Full Time	79,573.00	81,562.00
	Emergency Overtime		1,000.00
	Subtotal	79,573.00	82,562.00
	Expenses		
	Equipment Rental	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Parts/Tools	7,275.00	7,275.00
	Repairs	2,940.00	2,940.00
	Tires/Batteries	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Gas/Oil/Diesel	13,000.00	13,000.00
	Lumber/Fence/Paint	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Pipes/Culverts	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Asphalt/Blacktop	22,000.00	22,000.00
	Stone/Gravel/Sand	11,350.00	11,350.00
	Telephone	350.00	350.00
	Supplies	200.00	200.00
	Street Signs	300.00	300.00
	Training	250.00	250.00
	Bridge maintenance	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Gravel Rd. Maintenance	8,000.00	8,000.00
	Line Striping	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Subtotal	80,365.00	80,365.00
	TOTAL	159,938.00	162,927.00

423 **SNOW/ICE CONTROL**		
Wages	10.000 00	9 225.00
Salt/Sand	20.000 00	20.000 00
TOTAL	30.000.00	29.225.00
424 **STREETLIGHTS**	2,597 00	2.700 00
439 **SOLID WASTE**		
TRANSFER STATION		
Salaries		
Transfer Station Attend	2,635.00	2,701.00
Assist. Attend	2,184.00	2,239.00
Recycling Coord	750.00	769.00
Special Projects help	500.00	682.00
Subtotal	6,069.00	6.391.00
Expenses		
Recycling hauling	5,460.00	5,460.00
TS hauling	2,000.00	2,380.00
TS tipping	16,775.00	16,775.00
Stickers	300.00	300.00
Coupons	300.00	300 00
Maintenance	800.00	800.00
Electricity	800 00	800.00
Telephone	250 00	250.00
Miscellaneous	100 00	100 00
Special Programs	2,600.00	2.600.00
Hazardous Waste	1,000.00	1.000.00
Refuse District dues	25.00	25.00
DEP Recycl Fee	90.00	90.00
Subtotal	30.500.00	30.880 00
TOTAL	36.569.00	37.271.00
491 **CEMETERIES**		
North	550 00	550 00
Village	550 00	550 00
TOTAL	1,100 00	1 100.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	**230,204.00**	**233,223.00**
510 **BOARD OF HEALTH**		
Salaries		
Chair	400.00	400.00
4 Members	800 00	800.00
Subtotal	1,200.00	1.200.00
Expenses		
Postage	75 00	75.00
Dues	50.00	50.00
Legal Notices	400.00	400 00
Office Supplies	100.00	100.00
Vaccinations	300.00	
Subtotal	925.00	625 00
TOTAL	2,125.00	1,825.00
519 **HEALTH AGENT**	7,860.00	8.057.00
541 **COUNCIL ON AGING**	340.00	340.00
543 **VETERANS' SERVICES**	3,825.00	4,689.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	**14,150.00**	**14,911.00**
610 **LIBRARY**		
Wages		
Librarian/Director	10,717.00	10 717.00
Assist Librarian		3,900.00
Janitor	299.00	311.00
Subtotal	11,016.00	14,928.00
Expenses		
Books/Magazines	853.00	938.00

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	Utilities	1,392.00	1,462.00
	Office Supplies	219.00	230.00
	Misc	243.00	255.00
	Subtotal	2,707.00	2,885.00
	TOTAL	13,723.00	17,813.00
691	**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**	200.00	200.00
692	**HARVEST FESTIVAL**	50.00	50.00
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECREATIOI	**13,973.00**	**18,063.00**
710	**DEBT PRINCIPAL**	33,250.00	15,439.00
751	**DEBT INTEREST**	3,082.00	1,800.00
	Int on Revenue Antic Notes		1,000.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	**36,332.00**	**18,239.00**
911	**RETIREMENT**	19,463.00	18,052.00
912	**WORKERS' COMP**	6,889.00	10,000.00
913	**UNEMPLOYMENT**	300.00	500.00
914	**HEALTH INSURANCE**	15,000.00	15,000.00
915	**LIFE INSURANCE**	70.00	85.00
916	**MEDICARE**	2,420.00	2,420.00
945	**LIABILITY INSURANCE**		
	Public officials	3,075.00	3,075.00
	Umbrella	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL	4,075.00	4,075.00
946	**AUTO**	7,607.00	7,607.00
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	**55,824.00**	**57,739.00**
	GRAND TOTAL	**2,333,778.00**	~~**2,514,732.00**~~ 2,527, 810

THE BUDGET

Following are some questions about the town budget and brief answers. These are not complete explanations of the complexities of the budgetary process, they are not meant to be. This is simply intended to help the reader get a general and basic understanding of the budget process and terms that are used.

1. WHAT IS THE OPERATING BUDGET?

The operating budget is the amount of money each department in town (or town committee) expects that it will need to spend in the upcoming year. Included are requests from the Elementary and Regional Schools; Highway, Police and Fire Departments; the Selectboard, Treasurer and Town Clerk's offices; as well as requests from the Conservation, Historical Society and the Finance Committee.

2. HOW IS THE BUDGET DETERMINED?

Budget requests are based upon the services and costs of previous years. In addition, each department and committee must determine its anticipated expenses for the upcoming year. The Selectboard and the Finance Committee give these departments guidelines for the preparation of the budget based upon the financial picture for the town in the upcoming and future years. Then, each department and committee determines its budget request and meets with the Selectboard and Finance Committee to discuss each item included in that department's budget. These meetings usually occur between December and April.

Once each presentation has been made, the Selectboard and Finance Committee review all the requests and add up the total costs. After examining these requests, they will suggest the elimination of those items which may be too expensive, inappropriate for the current fiscal year, or simply out of line with the realities of the town. Then and only then, the final figure is determined for the budget and the budget is presented to the town in a public hearing and, finally, to the town meeting.

3. HOW IS THE BUDGET AFFECTED BY TOWN MEETING VOTE?

At Town Meeting, each item on the budget can be called out for the purpose of discussion or clarification. If some item is seen that you wish to question, simply call out "HOLD" and the moderator will return to those "HOLD" items after going over the complete list on the budget. Any person at town meeting can challenge any item listed in the operating budget. The elementary and regional schools have their own line-item budget and the amount included in the operating budget includes only the total for those budgets. Any person can suggest a lower figure than the one presented in the budget for any item listed. However, no one can amend the amount to a higher figure. If there is a suggested lower amount for an item, the town meeting must vote to either accept or reject that new figure and include it into the budget.

After all discussion is complete and votes are taken on suggested amended figures, then the moderator will call for a vote on the budget as a complete package. If the Town Meeting votes to

accept the budget, then it can procede to other business. But voting to accept the budget does not necessarily mean that the town automatically puts the budget into effect. This vote simply approves the spending requested by the Town's departments and committees. If the town votes to approve a budget which is greater than its anticipated revenues for the upcoming year, then it must look to other sources in order to balance its budget. Included in these options are the town's reserve funds (Free Cash and Stabilization) or it can call for an override vote. This part of the procedure is not handled at town meeting but at a special election. If an override vote is called for, then final acceptance of the budget is delayed. Town Meeting is recessed until after the result of the override vote is known.

4. WHAT IS FREE CASH?

Free Cash is one of the reserve funds available to the town. The reason it is called "free" is because it is not allocated for any specific purpose. It is pretty much like the town's savings account. It is accumulated when some department spends less thatn it has been budgeted, when the unspent portion of the Reserve Fund is returned at the end of the year, or when income to the town exceeds its expenditures.

Free Cash is usually used for those purposes which require a one-time purchase, items not included in the budget, or when something comes up that the town has not anticipated. Free Cash also can be used to balance the budget, however there are problems with this: (1) there are fewer resources available to the town in some real emergency; and (2) the amount of the budget covered by Free Cash in one year will still be in the budget the next year with no funds to cover it, requiring the town to either raise the taxes, use more Free Cash, or cut that amount from the budget. A majority vote is necessary to spend money from the Free Cash account.

5. WHAT IS THE STABILIZATION FUND?

This is another reserve acount used by the town. It is set up to be used for major purchases the town might be considering. Legally, the Stabilization Fund is to be used for any purpose for which the town would authorize borrowing. In this sense it can be seen as a long-term savings account. Stabilization is usually used for purchases such as the Fire Truck and Police Cruiser which the town recently purchased. A two-thirds vote is necessary to authorize spending from the Stabilization Fund.

6. WHAT IS BORROWING?

Borrowing for the town is very much like what happens when you go to the bank for a loan. The town borrows money from a bank and then is required to pay back both principal and interest. However, lending institutions are willing to give towns a lower interest rate than an individual could possible get. Authorization to borrow, for major expenses such as the school addition/renovation project, also requires a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

7.HOW DO FREE CASH, STABILIZATION FUNDS AND BORROWING AFFECT THE TAX RATE?

Using Free Cash has no effect on the tax rate for the year in which it is used, but unless you use it to balance the budget from then on (which you could not do because eventually the account will run out), the tax rate must be raised to make up this difference or the budget must be reduced to eliminate this increase.

Stabilization Funds have no effect on the tax rate since these funds are used for major capital expenses only and cannot be used to balance the budget.

Borrowing does affect the tax rate even though the impact is not felt until the year following the year in which the loan is taken out. There are two ways in which the tax rate can be affected: (1) If the borrowing is followed by a DEBT EXCLUSION OVERRIDE vote, then the effect of the tax increase is eliminated from the tax bill once the principl and interest have been repaid, (2) If there is no debt exclusion override, the responsibility to repay the loan rests with the operating budget. If the cost of repaying this loan increases the budget so that a 2 1/2 % override is required (and the override passes), then the amount of the debt repayment becomes a permanent part of the budget.

8. WHAT IS A 2 1/2% OVERRIDE?

According to the state law passed in 1980, each town in the Commonwealth cannot increase its annual property tax rate by more than 2 1/2% of the previous year's tax. For example, if your tax bill for last year was $1,000, the maximum you could expect to pay this year would be $1,025. If, however, the cost of running the town is greater than the expected 2 1/2% increase it can raise its taxes, then something has to be done to make up the difference.

Since the annual inflation rate in the United States has been higher than 2 1/2% every year since 1980, most towns, including Leverett, have not been able to increase their taxes to keep up with expenses. Luckily the difference, up until recently, has been taken up by new growth and increases in local aid from the state.

In order to increase the tax rate above the 2 1/2% limit, the town is required to have a separate ballot vote. If a majority of the voters approve an override, then the amount of that increase becomes part of the town's levy limit and will be the basis for computing the tax rate for the next and subsequent years.

(This summary was provided by Bob Stachowiak as part of a proposed Leverett handbook of information for voters.)

Definitions of Terms

CHERRY SHEET
The Cherry Sheet is the official notification by the Commissioner of Revenue to local assessors of the estimated receipts (local aid, state aid) to be paid to the town by the state during the next fiscal year and the charges (state and county-assessments) for the next fiscal year which the town must pay for services performed by the state or county on behalf of the town.

EXCLUSIONS
There are two types of exclusions: debt and capital outlay expenditures. These are temporary increases in the levy limit. For debt exclusion the additional amount for the payment of debt service is added to the levy limit for the life of the debt only. The additional amount for the payment of the capital project cost is added to the levy limit only for the year in which the project is being undertaken.

FREE CASH
Free Cash is a term which represents the amount of a community's funds that is unrestricted and available for appropriation. Free Cash is generated when revenue collections are more than budgeted and when expenditures are less than appropriations or both. Once certified, that amount can only be used through 6/30 of the fiscal year. Free Cash must be certified each year. Free Cash may be used for any municipal purpose and is voted by a simple majority vote at an annual or special town meeting.

There is no legal requirement to maintain a certain dollar balance in Free Cash. In the past the Dept. of Revenue has recommended 10% of the operating budget as the minimum balance. More recently they have lowered this to 5% of the Tax Levy. The town may set its own policy in regards to a minimum free cash balance.

In general it is prudent to have a large enough balance to cover unexpected expenditures and to provide a cash flow cushion.

LEVY
The property tax levy is the revenue the town raises through real estate and personal proprerty taxes. The property tax is the single largest source of revenue for the town.

LEVY CEILING
The levy ceiling is 2.5% of the total full and fair cash value of all taxable and personal property in the town. This is equal to a $25/1000 tax rate.

LEVY LIMIT
The levy limit is the amount the town can raise by taxation. This limit is increased from year to year as long as it remains below the levy ceiling. Permanent increases in the levy limit result from the following: automatic 2½% increase yearly; new growth resulting from new construction; and overrides. Temporary increases in the levy limit result from exclusions.

NEW GROWTH
New growth is generated by substantial improvement to a property (generally any new home or addition adding at least 50% to the value) in a particular year. New growth is calculated by multiplying the allowable new valuation times the prior year's tax rate. It directly increases the levy limit. This is especially important for towns experiencing significant new construction since growth frequently brings with it the need for increased services. The tax rate impact of new growth added to the levy limit is offset by the value of the new growth added to the total valuation. The value of new growth does not increase the tax rate. The services required usually cost more than the additional revenue generated. In practical terms new growth results in additional costs to the town.

OVERLAY
Overlay is a reserve account which is established by the assessors annually prior to setting the tax rate. The amount established for overlay should reflect the expected amount that will have to be provided to taxpayers for abatements or exemptions for property taxes. The overlay should be reasonable and based on historical trends. In year in which property is revalued more must be set aside in overlay as more abatements are uaually granted.

OVERLAY SURPLUS
Overlay surplus is the balance in the overlay for a particular year that is an excess of the amount remaining to be collected or abated. The assessors release this excess amount from overlay to overlay surplus. As a result of new legislation, these funds may be appropriated by town meeting for any purpose for which a town may expend funds. At the close of the fiscal year, any balance in the overlay surplus becomes part of surplus revenue and ~~and~~ this becomes free cash.

OVERRIDE
A town can permanently increase its levy limit by successfully voting an override. The amount of the override becomes a permanent part of the levy base. On a ballot, override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides may only be presented at an election and require a majority vote for approval.

RESERVE FUND
The reserve fund is a contingency fund usually established as part of the annual budget appropriations and is used to fund extraordinary and unforeseen expenses. It is disbursed through transfers approved by the Finance Committee. It may be come from free cash or raise and appropriate.

STABILIZATION
Stabilization fund is created by a vote of town meeting. Funds may be voted into it by a 2/3 vote from free cash or from taxation. The interest earned on this fund become part of it. Appropriations from this fund also require a 2/3 vote. The monies in stabilization may not be earmarked for a specific purpose but may be used for any purpose for which a town would be authorized to borrow money. Votes to use stabilization may take place at either special or annual town meetings.

Compiled by Jane Davis, Town Administrative Assistant

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FUND SOURCE: LEVERETT LOCAL A L02						
FUNCTION: SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1						
L02 LVE/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL	1000	0	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-62	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSES	250	0	250	250	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-6C	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	398	600	600	0
L02 LVE/1209-000-69	CENSUS	55	0	55	50	-5
L02 U28/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-UNION	134	0	130	130	0
L02 U28/1109-000-42	FINANCIAL AUDIT-GRANTS	536	536	520	780	260
L02 U28/1109-000-60	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IMPRVMT DUES	482	483	468	503	35
L02 U28/1209-000-10	SUPT'S SALARY	19171	19171	19086	19548	462
L02 U28/1209-000-11	ASST SUPT'S SALARY	12974	12973	12916	12526	-390
L02 U28/1209-000-20	SECRETARY'S SALARY	7305	7305	7274	7452	178
L02 U28/1209-000-21	FINANCIAL ASSISTANT'S SALARY	7696	7628	7880	8840	960
L02 U28/1209-000-22	BOOKKEEPER'S SALARY	4299	4298	4319	4515	196
L02 U28/1209-000-40	MACHINE RENTAL CONTRACT	60	63	65	137	72
L02 U28/1209-000-41	MACHINE MAINTENANCE	455	444	598	598	0
L02 U28/1209-000-42	COMPUTER CONTRACTED SERVICES	616	616	598	910	312
L02 U28/1209-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	356	414	624	624	0
L02 U28/1209-000-51	POSTAGE	857	877	911	910	-1
L02 U28/1209-000-52	PRINTING EXPENSE	134	198	130	130	0
[illegible] U28/1209-000-53	CLASSIFIED ADS	429	609	416	416	0
[illegible] U28/1209-000-62	SUPT'S CONFERENCE	509	564	494	676	182
L02 U28/1209-000-63	PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY	188	239	182	198	16
L02 U28/1209-000-64	SUPT'S TRAVEL	570	570	553	553	0
L02 U28/1209-000-67	ASST SUPT'S TRAVEL	443	443	430	430	0
L02 U28/1209-000-69	OFFICE CONFERENCES	67	138	65	130	65
function sub-total SCHOOL COMMITTEE >>		59187	57974	59565	61907	2342
FUNCTION: PROFESSIONAL DEV 2						
L02 LVE/2201-000-10	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	50005	50000	52020	53060	1040
L02 LVE/2201-000-20	CLERICAL SALARY	15574	15337	16569	19215	2646
L02 LVE/2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	3200	2095	3200	3200	0
L02 LVE/2201-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3400	3998	3400	4000	600
L02 LVE/2201-000-69	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	200	151	400	700	300
L02 LVE/2300-000-10	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINGENCY	4048	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-000-10	TEACHERS' SALARIES	449749	442252	488624	499729	10905
L02 LVE/2301-000-30	TEACHER AIDES SALARY	46102	45234	48845	48487	-358
L02 LVE/2301-000-40	ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER	0	0	0	300	300
L02 LVE/2301-000-41	SUBSTITUTES SALARY	5400	5302	5400	4000	-1400
L02 LVE/2301-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	14100	12574	16800	18250	1450
L02 LVE/2301-000-56	SUMMER PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-000-57	AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-00K-50	KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	1200	1196	1800	1000	-800
L02 LVE/2302-000-17	NURSE'S SALARY (SPED)	12972	12960	13154	13538	384
L02 LVE/2302-000-40	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	17000	18317	14000	18000	4000
[illegible] LVE/2302-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (SPED)	500	350	0	0	0
[illegible] LVE/2302-000-64	SPECIAL TRAVEL	25	0	25	25	0

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L02 LVE/2302-000-90	EARLY C'HOOD SPED TUITION	7	0	4837	4817	-20
L02 LVE/2309-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	3750	3716	1050	300	-750
L02 LVE/2350-000-41	PROF DEV SUBSTITUTES	0	0	0	1700	1700
L02 LVE/2350-000-50	PROF LIBRARY (STAFF)	0	0	400	400	0
L02 LVE/2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0	0	2150	3000	850
L02 LVE/2401-000-50	TEXTBOOKS & INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	3000	2896	3000	3500	500
L02 LVE/2450-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE	1000	6607	7000	7000	0
L02 LVE/2501-000-10	LIBRARIAN SALARY	4035	3801	6134	6516	382
L02 LVE/2501-000-30	LIBRARY AIDE SALARY	4410	4399	2747	5630	2883
L02 LVE/2501-000-50	LIBRARY MATERIALS	1000	1000	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2601-000-50	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	1000	1022	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2802-000-10	PSYCHOLOGIST'S SALARY	19993	19969	19683	20077	394
L02 U28/2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0	0	520	520	0
function sub-total PROFESSIONAL DEV >>		681670	653170	713958	738964	25006
FUNCTION: OTHER SCHOOL SER 3						
L02 LVE/3201-000-10	NURSE'S SALARY (REG)	4493	4480	4368	4513	145
L02 LVE/3201-000-12	NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	6874	6715	6956	7364	408
L02 LVE/3201-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (REG ED)	100	0	100	100	0
L02 LVE/3201-000-50	HEALTH SUPPLIES	600	554	750	750	0
L02 LVE/3302-000-40	SPED TRANSPORTATION	9300	9184	0	0	0
L02 LVE/3409-000-69	FOOD SERVICE	2000	2000	0	4000	4000
L02 LVE/3529-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
function sub-total OTHER SCHOOL SER >>		23568	22934	12175	16728	4553
FUNCTION: PLANT OPERATION/ 4						
L02 LVE/4119-000-32	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	41130	41272	43215	44573	1358
L02 LVE/4119-000-50	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	4000	3587	4000	4000	0
L02 LVE/4129-000-66	FUEL	6000	5111	11000	11000	0
L02 LVE/4139-000-65	ELECTRIC POWER	17775	17565	21775	21775	0
L02 LVE/4139-000-68	SCHOOL TELEPHONE	2200	2330	2200	2900	700
L02 LVE/4219-000-69	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	7200	7225	2100	1600	-500
L02 LVE/4229-000-69	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	21500	23673	17000	11950	-5050
L02 LVE/4230-000-69	EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE	0	0	8000	8500	500
L02 LVE/4239-000-64	MAINTENANCE TRAVEL	775	595	775	775	0
L02 LVE/4239-000-69	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2500	2726	2000	5050	3050
L02 LVE/4249-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
L02 LVE/4249-000-69	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	0	0	4050	4200	150
L02 U28/4119-000-32	CENTRAL OFFICE CUSTODIAN	499	498	511	498	-13
L02 U28/4139-000-68	CENTRAL OFFICE TELEPHONE	857	923	833	832	-1
function sub-total PLANT OPERATION/ >>		104437	105509	117460	117654	194
FUNCTION: FIXED CHARGES 5						
L02 LVE/5209-000-61	SCHOOL COMMITTEE INSURANCE	1400	1312	1400	300	-1100
L02 LVE/5209-000-65	STUDENT COVERAGE	1200	1100	1200	1200	0
L02 U28/5309-000-6D	DISABILITY INSURANCE	96	112	94	94	0
L02 U28/5309-000-6E	CENTRAL OFFICE RENT	1120	1120	1145	1144	-1
function sub-total FIXED CHARGES >>		3816	3644	3839	2738	-1101
FUNCTION: ACQUISITION/IMPRO 7						
L02 LVE/7209-000-80	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	0	0

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L02 LVE/7309-000-80	ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT	0	209	0	0	0
L02 LVE/7409-000-80	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	7750	13386	7500	0	-7500
L02 U28/7309-000-80	CENTRAL OFFICE NEW EQUIPMENT	3215	3216	651	650	-1
function sub-total	ACQUISITION/IMPRO >>	10965	16814	8151	650	-7501
FUNCTION: PROGRAMS WITH OT 9						
L02 LVE/9102-000-90	SPED TUITION	15500	15402	0	0	0
function sub-total	PROGRAMS WITH OT >>	15500	15402	0	0	0
fund source sub-total	LEVERETT LOCAL A >	879143	875450	915148	938641	23493
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FUNCTION: SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1							
L02	LVE/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL	1000	0	1000	1000	0
L02	LVE/1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
L02	LVE/1109-000-52	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	0	0
L02	LVE/1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSES	250	0	250	250	0
L02	LVE/1109-000-60	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	398	600	600	0
L02	LVE/1209-000-69	CENSUS	55	0	55	50	-5
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L02	LVE/2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	3200	2085	3200	3200	0
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L02	LVE/2301-000-57	AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
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L02	LVE/2350-000-41	PROF DEV SUBSTITUTES	0	0	0	1700	1700
L02	LVE/2350-000-50	PROF LIBRARY (STAFF)	0	0	400	400	0
L02	LVE/2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0	0	2150	3000	850
L02	LVE/2401-000-50	TEXTBOOKS & INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	3000	2996	3000	3500	500
L02	LVE/2450-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE	1000	6607	7000	7000	0
L02	LVE/2501-000-10	LIBRARIAN SALARY	4035	3901	6134	6516	382
L02	LVE/2501-000-30	LIBRARY AIDE SALARY	4410	4399	2747	5630	2883
L02	LVE/2501-000-50	LIBRARY MATERIALS	1000	1000	1000	1000	0
L02	LVE/2601-000-50	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	1000	1022	1000	1000	0
L02	LVE/2802-000-10	PSYCHOLOGIST'S SALARY	19993	19969	19683	20077	394
L02	U28/2350-000-69	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0	0	520	520	0
	function sub-total	PROFESSIONAL DEV >>	661670	653170	713958	738964	25006
	FUNCTION: OTHER SCHOOL SER 3						
L02	LVE/3201-000-10	NURSE'S SALARY (REG)	4693	4480	4368	4513	145
L02	LVE/3201-000-12	NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	6874	6715	6956	7364	408
L02	LVE/3201-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (REG ED)	100	0	100	100	0
L02	LVE/3201-000-50	HEALTH SUPPLIES	600	554	750	750	0
L02	LVE/3302-000-40	SPED TRANSPORTATION	9300	9184	0	0	0
L02	LVE/3409-000-69	FOOD SERVICE	2000	2000	0	4000	4000
L02	LVE/3529-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
	function sub-total	OTHER SCHOOL SER >>	23568	22934	12175	16728	4553
	FUNCTION: PLANT OPERATION/ 4						
L02	LVE/4119-000-32	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	41130	41272	43215	44573	1358
L02	LVE/4119-000-50	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	4000	3587	4000	4000	0
L02	LVE/4129-000-66	FUEL	6000	5111	11000	11000	0
L02	LVE/4139-000-65	ELECTRIC POWER	17775	17565	21775	21775	0
L02	LVE/4139-000-68	SCHOOL TELEPHONE	2200	2330	2200	2900	700
L02	LVE/4219-000-69	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	7200	7225	2100	1600	-500
L02	LVE/4229-000-69	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	21500	23673	17000	11950	-5050
L02	LVE/4230-000-69	EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE	0	0	8000	8500	500
L02	LVE/4239-000-64	MAINTENANCE TRAVEL	775	595	775	775	0
L02	LVE/4239-000-69	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2500	2726	2000	5050	3050
L02	LVE/4249-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
L02	LVE/4249-000-69	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	0	0	4050	4200	150
L02	U28/4119-000-32	CENTRAL OFFICE CUSTODIAN	499	498	511	498	-13
L02	U28/4139-000-68	CENTRAL OFFICE TELEPHONE	857	923	833	832	-1
	function sub-total	PLANT OPERATION/ >>	104437	105509	117460	117654	194
	FUNCTION: FIXED CHARGES 5						
L02	LVE/5209-000-61	SCHOOL COMMITTEE INSURANCE	1400	1312	1400	300	-1100
L02	LVE/5209-000-68	STUDENT COVERAGE	1200	1100	1200	1200	0
L02	U28/5209-000-6D	DISABILITY INSURANCE	96	112	94	94	0
L02	U28/5309-000-6E	CENTRAL OFFICE RENT	1120	1120	1145	1144	-1
	function sub-total	FIXED CHARGES >>	3816	3644	3839	2738	-1101
	FUNCTION: ACQUISITION/IMPRO 7						
L02	LVE/7209-000-80	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	0	0

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROPOSAL #3 3/5/96

account number	account title	1995 adjusted	1995 expended	1996 adjusted	1997 proposed	difference curr/prop
L02 LVE/7309-000-80	ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT	0	209	0	0	0
L02 LVE/7409-000-80	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	7750	13388	7500	0	-7500
L02 U28/7309-000-80	CENTRAL OFFICE NEW EQUIPMENT	3215	3216	651	650	-1
function sub-total ACQUISITION/IMPRO >>		10965	16814	8151	650	-7501
FUNCTION: PROGRAMS WITH OT 9						
L02 LVE/9102-000-90	SPED TUITION	15500	15402	0	0	0
function sub-total PROGRAMS WITH OT >>		15500	15402	0	0	0
fund source sub-total LEVERETT LOCAL A >		879143	875450	915148	938641	23493
**** REPORT GRAND TOTAL >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>		879143	875450	915148	938641	23493

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DRAFT ARTICLE FOR LEVERETT SELECTBOARD: PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX TAKING

To see whether the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method the land on the easterly side of Montague Road said to contain 7.8 acres of land, more or less and believed to be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, described herein and raise and appropriate the sum of $65,200 therefor.

DRAFT MOTION FOR LEVERETT SELECTBOARD:

I move that the town authorize the board of selectmen to acquire for the town that land on the easterly side of Montague Road consisting of 7.8 acres, more or less, said to be owned by Brad Lewis and to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,200 for said purpose, said land described as follows:

The Land on the easterly side of Montague Road in Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts now or formerly of Gilbert L. and Muriel A. Woodard:

Thence North 13° 35' 00" East, a distance of 221.01 feet, more or less, to an iron pin at land now or formerly of the Inhabitants of the Town of Leverett;

Thence South 72° 26' 40" East, a distance of 110 .13 feet, more or less, by the land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe:

Thence South 25° 16' 34" East a distance of 64.20 feet, more or less, by the land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pipe;

Thence North 73° 31' 20" East a distance of 315.54 feet, more or less, by the land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pin at the end of the wall;

Thence North 13° 21' 00" East a distance of 386.54 feet, more or less, by said stone wall and said land of the Town of Leverett to a drill hole in a boulder;

Thence North 01° 15' 20" East a distance of 300.96 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pin;

Thence North 32° 37' 40" West a distance of 208.32 feet, more or less, by land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pin;

Thence North 06° 55' 20" East a distance of 422.38 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe and stones by the corner of a fence;

Thence North 80° 59' 00" West a distance of 103.50 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe in concrete at the end of a wall set on the Easterly line of Montague Road.

Thence North 11° 57' 48" East a distance of 143.52 feet, more or less, by said Easterly line of Montague Road to a drill hole in the boulder at land now or formerly of George Spence; Thence South 70° 07' 33" East a distance of 277.13 feet, more or less, by said Spence land to an iron pipe set in stones;

Thence 03° 42' 36" West a distance of 517.77 feet, more or less, by the land of said Spence to an iron pin set in stones;

Thence 55° 06' 48" East a distance of 142 feet, more or less, by the land of said Spence to a point in the center of the brook known as Doolittle Brook also known as the Saw Mill River;

Thence Southerly by the center of said brook 619 feet, more or less by the land of said George Spence to a point;

Thence South 52° 54' 01" West a distance of 177 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard; Thence South 54° 39' 35" West a distance of 94.44 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard to a point at the intersection of the stone wall;

Thence South 53° 32' 41" West a distance of 148.85 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard to a point;

Thence South 55° 29' 53" West a distance of 87.71 feet, more or less, to a point at the intersection of the stone walls;

Thence South 54° 16' 32" West a distance of 125.37 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard to a drill hole in a boulder;

Thence North 88° 30' 21" West a distance of 208.29 feet, more or less, to the iron pipe in the concrete at the beginning;

Containing 7.8 acres, more or less, and ***meaning and intending to describe all of the land with the buildings thereon now or formerly of Bradford H. Lewis in said Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts on the easterly side of Montague Road.***

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Judith S. Bailey
acting Town clerk

TO: Selectboard
FROM: Will Stratford, Highway Department
RE: Highway Projects
DATE: March 27, 1996

PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 1996 CONSTRUCTION SEASON:

Chapter 90:	Recommendation:
1) Cushman Road - Reconstruction includes drainage improvements, new base, overlayment of asphalt, guard rails.	Wait
2) North Leverett Road - Drainage improvements, overlayment of asphalt.	Could Do
Town Funds:	
3) Dudleyville Road - Geo-textile project which includes drainage work, regraveling road, installing textile liner. Also road realigning after land swap.	Wait
4) Teawaddle Hill Road - Ditch maintenance and chip seal (asphalt and stone).	Wait
5) Amherst Road - Replace culverts, additional drainage needed.	Wait
6) North Leverett Road - Additional drainage work.	Wait
7) Longhill Road - Complete drainage project from last fall.	Possible?
8) Leadmine Road and Two Mile Road needs asphalt -stone.	Possible?
9) Shoulders need to be scraped (lowered) on the following roads: Cavehill Road Chestnut Hill Road, Amherst Road, Shutesbury Road, and Montague Road	Possibly Before August
10) Chestnut Hill Road - Drainage work.	Wait
11) Miller's Bridge - Needs new decking and railing. (Could do in July).	Possible?
12) Old Long Plain Road - Extend road to Route 63.	Wait
13) Culverts need to be replaced and additional culverts installed on the following roads: Rattlesnake Gutter, Richardson Road, Dudleville Road, Jackson Hill Road, and Sprinkle Road.	Wait
14) Tree removals, Tree plantings	Wait

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Regular maintenance projects that cannot be ignored or delayed are as follows:

1) Roadside mowing
2) Ballfield mowing
3) Town Hall mowing
4) Library mowing
5) Town Common mowing
6) Tar Road patching
7) Gravel Road patching
8) Paper Work
9) Emergencies

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The following two lists I have are for the months of July and August in 1994 and 1995. They do not include the regularly scheduled work. The things that are listed are emergencies or maintenance projects that were unforeseen and needed to be addreseed ASAP. Also in July and August the water level is usually at its lowest and because of this it is when we try to do bridge maintenace. This is also the usual vacation time for the employees of the highway department.

Summer 1994 - July and August only

July 8: Heavy rains, repaired gravel roads using 2 trucks for hauling gravel and the front end loader for leveling.
Mid-July: Brush at intersections needed to be cut for better visibility.
July 25: Heavy rain. Gravel roads washed out.
July 28: Trees down on Rattlesnake Gutter; Patched gravel roads.
August 12: Cut brush at intersections.
August 15: Graded washed out gravel roads.
August 17: Trees Down - Half-day required for cleanup.
August 18: Repaired washouts and washout on Leadmine Road.
August 26: Graded washed out gravel roads.
August 29: Graded washed out gravel roads.
(Note: This continues on in September and October.)

Summer 1995 - July and August only

July 11: Gravel roads washed out.
July 15-19: Microburst/Twister - Trees down, wires down, wash outs.
July 19: Heavy rains. Wash outs on gravel roads.
July 26: Catch basins washed out on Shutesbury Road. 1 1/2 days to repair.
July 27: Heavy rains/Wind. Washouts and tree limbs down.
August 3: Repaired gravel raods, washboards and potholes.
August 8: Trees down on Broad Hill.
August 9: Rattlesnake Gutter washed out from heavy rains. Patched tar roads.
August 15: Bruch cut at intersections.
August: Repaired gravel roads
(Note: This continues on in September and October.)

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

County Commissioners: Mary Forbes, John J. Stobierski, Margaret Striebel

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413-774-3167

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The Franklin County Commission is a multi-purpose agency dedicated to providing services and products which support our municipalities and residents. We integrate regional and local planning, human services advocacy and coordination, and municipal services production through the Commission in order to secure our regional goals of:

- ♦Balancing economic development with the protection of natural and cultural resources which are the foundation of our region's rural character and heritage,
- ♦Capturing economies of scale in public services production and delivery in a rural region comprised of many political subdivisions, and
- ♦Building healthier communities by developing and connecting broad-based community coalitions which raise the level of expectations for community achievement.

The Franklin County Commission advocates on behalf of our twenty-six communities at the state and federal level to ensure that programs, policies and funding which impact our natural, cultural and human resources are responsive to our rural issues and build upon our economic strength as a unique region.

HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 1995

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Organized and produced an **Overall Economic Development Plan** for Franklin County. This plan sets the funding priorities for U.S. Economic Development Administration projects in industrial parks and public infrastructure.

- Awarded and executed a **Route 112 Scenic Farm Byway Plan** for Buckland and Ashfield. This plan enables these towns to take further actions which enhance agricultural and open space economic development opportunities.

- Organized pilot project for **Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Management.** Brought to the table utilities, landowners, town, state and federal government, environmentalists to develop and execute pilot project.

- Secured **$140,000 EPA grant** to implement **Connecticut River Pilot Study.**

- Developed and secured **$200,000** funding for **Route 2 Safety Improvements Study** design for funding and execution in 1996.

- Published model manual for **Design Alternatives for Rural Roads.** Identifies standards and models which support towns' interests in constructing and repairing roads in keeping with rural character.

- Awarded **$183,000 Tri-State Scenic Farm Byway grant** focusing in Franklin County on expanding economic and safety features for farm related or business use.

- Developed a **Public Water Suppliers Cooperative Purchasing System.**

- Coordinated the development of the **1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Program,** which prioritizes the use of federal highway funds in Franklin County.

- Secured **$215,000** funding for first leg of the **Franklin County Bikeway.**

- Secured in-house Certifications for Title 5 System Inspections and Soil Evaluations so that these services can be provided to towns or developers.

- Developed Computer Mapping Services for town planning and engineering.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Conducted and disseminated results of Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Abuse among Young People in Greater Franklin County.

- Produced a Youth Activities Fair and Forum attracting over 100 participants.

- Organized with DARE Officers and Coalition Members Franklin County Fair Booth Outreach.

- Staffed the efforts of the Tobacco Control Coalition and Awarded $8,000 in Mini-grants for tobacco-use cessation activities.

- Organized and supported the production of the Sixth Annual Youth Issues Conference attracting over 150 participants.

- Coordinated and implemented the School to Work Partnership for Franklin County, serving eight area schools with school to career training, secured $275,000 in additional grant funding.

- Substantially participated in drafting A Reinventing Justice Action Plan, a report to the Massachusetts Supreme Court on the extensive outreach efforts, analysis, and recommendations for the creation of a twenty-first century justice system in Franklin County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS

- Secured Legislation changing Treasurer from elected to appointed, assuring increased professionalism in the management of budget and pension funds.

- Caught up two years of audits and cleared all outstanding audit issues.

- Produced Cooperative Bids for 22 towns and 20 other public entities for a total value of $2,805,000 of goods ranging from office products to highway supplies.

- Established as State Pilot Site for Municipal Internet Link to State Services.

MUNICIPAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

- Implemented the Economic Target Area Designation won by the Commission in 1994 by preparing 7 of 23 successful Economic Opportunity Area projects statewide, enabling the creation of 319 new jobs and retaining 505... a total of $28 million in new investment.

- Analyzed and coordinated changes in subscription pool to secure decreased health insurance premiums for the Franklin County Group consisting of 24 towns and 10 other public entities.

- Produced several Grantwriting workshops for Towns attended by over 50 people.

- Organized and conducted Workshops for evaluating Americans with Disabilities Act issues for town facilities.

- Redesigned engineering services to be self funding within two years, while nearing completion of local road design project in Colrain.

- Provided computer consulting services under specific job contracts to three towns for systems installations, applications and troubleshooting.

- Published Wage and Salary Survey for Franklin County Towns and the Guide to Franklin County Municipal Officials.

TOWN OF LEVERETT FY97 Budget
March 30, 1996

account #			
113-5100	Town Meeting salaries	200	
113	Town Meeting expenses	245	
114-5100	Moderator salary	50	
122-5100	Selectmen salaries	11,944	
122	Selectmen expenses	2,260	
124-5100	Administrative Assistant salaries	19,016	
124	Administrative Assistant expenses	830	
131	Finance Committee	95	
132	Reserve Fund	25,000	
135-5100	Accounting Officer salaries	6,335	
135	Accounting Officer expenses	3,510	
141-5100	Assessors salaries	3,872	
141	Assessors expenses	650	
142-5100	Revaluation	8,000	
145-5100	Treasurer salaries	6,335	
145	Treasurer expenses	2,165	
146-5100	Collector salaries	6,335	
146	Collector expenses	2,432	
149	Capital Planning	100	
151	Town Counsel	1,000	
161-5100	Town Clerk salaries	7,649	
161	Town Clerk expenses	1,020	
162-5100	Elections salaries	1,300	
162	Elections expenses	100	
163-5100	Registrars salaries	170	
163	Registrars expenses	50	
171-5100	Conservation Commission salaries	1,056	
171	Conservation Commission expenses	775	
175	Planning Board	1,350	
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	150	
192-5100	Building Maintenance salaries	2,563	
192	Building Maintenance	13,000	
193	Building Insurance	6,730	
195	Town Report	1,500	
198-5100	Newsletter	1,416	
	100 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		**139,203**
210-5100	Police wages salaries	41,564	
210	Police expenses	15,200	
210	Police insurance	2,075	
220-5100	Fire wages salaries	16,896	
220	Fire expenses	10,625	
220	Fire insurance	3,400	
231-5200	Ambulance	10,710	
241-5200	Building Inspector	9,451	
242-5200	Gas Inspector	4,825	
243-5200	Plumbing Inspector	4,279	
245-5200	Electrical Inspector	7,454	
249	Animal Inspector salary	100	
291	Emergency Planning salary	25	
292-5100	Dog Officer salary	650	
292	Dog Officer expenses	90	
299	Tree Warden expenses	6,000	
	200 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		**133,344**

302-5100	School Committee salaries	250	
300	Elementary School	938,641	
300-911	Retirement	17,322	
300-912	Workers Comp	9,000	
300-914	Health Insurance	53,000	
300-913	Unemployment	1,700	
300-916	Medicare	8,580	
300-710	Debt Principal	59,441	
300-751	Debt Interest	12,461	
300-915	Life Insurance	450	
300-945	Liability Insurance, Nurse	53	
310	Regional School	723,000	
	Debt Principal & Interest	76,112	
	300 TOTAL EDUCATION		1,900,010
422-5100	Highway wages	81,562	
422-5100	Highway Emergency Overtime	1,000	
422	Highway expenses	80,365	
423-5100	Snow and Ice salaries	9,225	
423	Snow and Ice expenses	20,000	
424	Street Lights	2,700	
439-5100	Transfer Station wages	6,391	
439	Transfer Station expenses	30,880	
491	Cemetaries - North	550	
491	Cemetaries - Village	550	
	400 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		233,223
510-5100	Board of Health salaries	1,200	
510	Board of Health expenses	625	
519-5200	Health Agent	8,057	
541	Council on Aging	340	
543-5200	Veterans Agent	4,689	
	500 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		14,911
610-5100	Library salaries	14,928	
610	Library expenses	2,885	
691	Historical Commission	200	
692	Harvest Festival	50	
	600 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		18,063
710	Debt Principal	15,439	
751	Debt Interest	1,800	
	Interest on Revenue Anticipation Notes	1,000	
	700 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		18,239
911-5100	Franklin County Retirement	18,052	
912-5100	Workers Comp	10,000	
913-5100	Unemployment	500	
914-5100	Health Insurance	15,000	
915-5100	Life Insurance	85	
916-5100	Medicare	2,420	
945	Liability Insurance	4,075	
946	Auto insurance	7,607	
	900 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		57,739
		TOTAL	2,514,732

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection
Pre-Registration Form

for residents of Amherst, Leverett, Pelham & Shutesbury

Collection Date: Saturday, April 27, 1996 from 9-12

This form is for use by residents only. Businesses and institutions may call the Amherst Department of Public Works at 256-4049 to obtain information about participating in the HHW collection as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG). No commercial waste will be accepted after 9:00am.

By registering for the HHW Collection, you are guaranteed that your waste will be taken, **IF** you are at the collection site at the correct time and **IF** you have followed the guidelines for acceptable wastes. If you do not arrive during your scheduled time, you may be asked to return after other pre-registered participants have been processed (after 11:30am). **No more than 10 gallons or 100 lbs. (whichever is greater) will be collected per car.**

PLEASE REMEMBER:

* **No commercial waste will be accepted, except by prior arrangement**
* **A limit of 10 gallons or 100 lbs. per car will be accepted (does not include used motor oil or car batteries)**
* **Latex paint <u>will not</u> be accepted at this collection because 1) it is not a hazardous material and unusable (dried up, previously frozen) latex paint can be safely disposed of in your trash; and 2) latex paints in good condition can be brought to monthly paint collections for recycling and exchange. These are scheduled from 9-12 on the last Saturday of every month, May-October, at the Amherst landfill. Pre-registration for the paint recycling program is encouraged, but not required. For more information, call 256-4049.**

Complete the front & back of this form and mail it to: HHW Collection, c/o Dept. of Public Works, 586 South Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002

Must be received no later than 4/22/96!

Name_____ Day phone_____

Full Address_____ Zip Code_____

Preferred appointment times: (indicate #1 and #2)

_____9:00-9:30 _____10:00-10:30 _____11:00-11:30

_____9:30-10:00 _____10:30-11:00 _____11:30-12:00

You will receive a confirmation/information package in the mail.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

Antifreeze
Art/photography supplies
Automotive fluids
Button batteries
Car batteries
Creosote
Chemistry sets
DDT
Disinfectants
Drain cleaners
Dry gas
Engine degreasers
Flea killers
Fluorescent bulbs
Furniture polish
Gasoline
Herbicides
Insect pump sprays
Kerosene
Lead acid batteries
Metal polish
Moth balls
Motor oil
Muriatic acid
Paint: oil, marine, lead, hobby
Paint thinners/solvents/cleaners
Pesticides
Rechargable batteries (nickel-cadmium)
Rodent killers
Root killers
Septic tank cleaners
Spot removers/solvents
Swimming pool chemicals
Thermostats
Toilet bowl cleaners
Varnishes
Wood preservatives & stains

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

LATEX PAINTS and STAINS* (please refer to the front of this page for more information)

Aerosol cans w/o pesticides or disinfectants*
Air fresheners/deodorizers*
Alkaline or carbon-zinc batteries*
Ammunition
Asbestos
Car waxes/polishes/cleaners*
Caulk/spackle/grout*
Cosmetics*
Empty containers*
Explosives
Fertilizer w/o pesticides*
Glass & window cleaners*
Latex driveway sealer*
Medical/infectious wastes
Nail polish*
Oven cleaner*
PCB's (transformers)
Propane tanks/gas cylinders
Radioactive materials (smoke detectors)
Scouring powder*

* Indicates that this material can be safely given away for someone else to use, and/or it may be thrown away in your regular trash. If you need more information, please call Karen Bouquillon at 256-4049.

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Library Article

Town Meeting March 30, 1996

Article Fifteen:

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and/or the Selectboard to apply for any State and/or federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction, and original equipping of a new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

The Board of Library Trustees and the Library Director of the Bradford M. Field Memorial Library respectfully request your support on the above article at today's town meeting. We need the town's support in order to apply for a matching grant from the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program.

This $40,000 grant would allow us to hire an architect to plan and design a new library facility. The state would give us $20,000 to match our $20,000. **OUR SHARE OF THIS GRANT WILL NOT COME FROM TAX MONEY**. We currently have $7,000 in our Leverett Library Building Fund ($4,722.50 from our recent auction!) and expect commitments of $13,000 from the Library's trust funds and the Friends of the Library.

Our library has seen tremendous growth in use during the past few years. Circulation has steadily climbed from 2,945 in FY90 to 34,642 in FY95. We need more room for materials, staff workspace, story hours, computers, casual reading, meetings, and parking. **WE NEED A SECOND EGRESS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!!!! WE NEED A BATHROOM!!!!** In January of 1995 the Board of Trustees formed a planning committee of 14 people that has been working diligently writing a building program and fund raising. Our next step is to apply for this grant so that we can further plan our future. We would appreciate your help towards this goal.
Thank you.

Lorna Rivers, Library Director

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Thence 03° 42' 36" West a distance of 517.77 feet, more or less, by the land of said Spence to an iron pin set in stones;

Thence 55° 06' 48" East a distance of 142 feet, more or less, by the land of said Spence to a point in the center of the brook known as Doolittle Brook also known as the Saw Mill River;

Thence Southerly by the center of said brook 619 feet, more or less by the land of said George Spence to a point;

Thence South 52° 54' 01" West a distance of 177 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard; Thence South 54° 39' 35" West a distance of 94.44 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard to a point at the intersection of the stone wall;

Thence South 53° 32' 41" West a distance of 148.85 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard to a point;

Thence South 55° 29' 53" West a distance of 87.71 feet, more or less, to a point at the intersection of the stone walls;

Thence South 54° 16' 32" West a distance of 125.37 feet, more or less, by the land of said Woodard to a drill hole in a boulder;

Thence North 88° 30' 21" West a distance of 208.29 feet, more or less, to the iron pipe in the concrete at the beginning;

Containing 7.8 acres, more or less, and ***meaning and intending to describe all of the land with the buildings thereon now or formerly of Bradford H. Lewis in said Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts on the easterly side of Montague Road.***

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Judith S. Bailey
acting Town clerk

DRAFT ARTICLE FOR LEVERETT SELECTBOARD: PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX TAKING

To see whether the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to acquire by deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method the land on the easterly side of Montague Road said to contain 7.8 acres of land, more or less and believed to be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, described herein and raise and appropriate the sum of $65,200 therefor.

DRAFT MOTION FOR LEVERETT SELECTBOARD:

I move that the town authorize the board of selectmen to acquire for the town that land on the easterly side of Montague Road consisting of 7.8 acres, more or less, said to be owned by Brad Lewis and to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,200 for said purpose, said land described as follows:

The Land on the easterly side of Montague Road in Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts now or formerly of Gilbert L. and Muriel A. Woodard:

Thence North 13° 35' 00" East, a distance of 221.01 feet, more or less, to an iron pin at land now or formerly of the Inhabitants of the Town of Leverett;

Thence South 72° 26' 40" East, a distance of 110 .13 feet, more or less, by the land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe:

Thence South 25° 16' 34" East a distance of 64.20 feet, more or less, by the land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pipe;

Thence North 73° 31' 20" East a distance of 315.54 feet, more or less, by the land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pin at the end of the wall;

Thence North 13° 21' 00" East a distance of 386.54 feet, more or less, by said stone wall and said land of the Town of Leverett to a drill hole in a boulder;

Thence North 01° 15' 20" East a distance of 300.96 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pin;

Thence North 32° 37' 40" West a distance of 208.32 feet, more or less, by land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pin;

Thence North 06° 55' 20" East a distance of 422.38 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe and stones by the corner of a fence;

LEVERETT LANDFILL CLOSURE
COST COMPARISON ANALYSIS

Leverett, Massachusetts	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	GCL	HDPE	24" FIBERCLAY	CLAY	CLAY/FIBERCLAY
SITE PREPARATION/SURVEY/BOND	L.S.	Lump Sum	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000
6" LOAM and SEED	500 s.y.	$2.20/ s.y.	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100
12" LOAM and SEED	17,000 s.y.	$4.50/ s.y.	$76,500	$76,500	$76,500	$76,500	$76,500
12" DRAINAGE LAYER	17,000 s.y.	$3.50/ s.y.	$59,500	$59,500	$59,500	$59,500	$59,500
6" GAS VENTING LAYER	17,000 s.y.	$2.50/ s.y.	$42,500	$42,500	$42,500	$42,500	$42,500
EROSION CONTROL BLANKET	17,000 s.y.	$1.00/ s.y.	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
HAY BALES/SILT FENCE	800 l.f.	$5.50/ l.f.	$4,400	$4,400	$4,400	$4,400	$4,400
DRAINAGE SWALE RIPRAP	500 s.y.	$15.00/ s.y.	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500
TOE-OF-SLOPE RIPRAP	1,100 s.y.	$16.00/ s.y.	$17,600	$17,600	$17,600	$17,600	$17,600
EXPLORATORY EXCAVATION	700 c.y.	$10.00/ c.y.	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000
GAS VENTS	7 ea.	$600 ea.	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200
6" SWALE SUBDRAIN	1000 l.f.	$7.00/ l.f.	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000
ACCESS BRIDGE(S)	1 ea.	$2800 ea.	$2,800	$2,800	$2,800	$2,800	$2,800
DRAINAGE SWALE SILT FENCE	500 l.f.	$2.00/ l.f.	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
SUBDRAIN CLEANOUTS	3 ea.	$250 ea.	$750	$750	$750	$750	$750
ODOR CONTROL	5 bags	$15.00/ bag	$75	$75	$75	$75	$75
IMPERMEABLE LAYER: 1)	17,000 s.y.	Note 1	$77,000	$73,000	---	---	---
2) 18" CLAY	8,500 c.y.	Note 2	---	---	---	$151,000	$5,000
3) 24" FIBERCLAY	11,400 c.y.	Note 3	---	---	$57,000	---	$51,000
		SUBTOTAL	$365,925	$361,925	$345,925	$439,925	$344,925
		15% CONTINGENCY	$54,889	$54,289	$51,889	$65,989	$51,739
		TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	$420,814	$416,214	$397,814	$505,914	$396,664

NOTES:

1. UNIT PRICE OF GCL IS $4.50/SQ. YD. UNIT PRICE OF HDPE IS BASED UPON A TEXTURED HDPE AT $4.75/SQUARE YARD FOR 1600 S.Y. AND A SMOOTH HDPE AT $4.25/SQ. YD. FOR 15,400 SQ.YDS.
2. UNIT PRICE FOR CLAY INCLUDES 1/2 ACRE (1200 C.Y.) OF MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY THE TOWN AT $4.00/C.Y. AND 7300 C.Y. AT $20/C.Y. SUPPLIED BY A LOCAL FARMER. FOR CLAY/FIBERCLAY CAP, 1200 C.Y. OF TOWN SUPPLIED CLAY WAS USED IN COMPUTATIONS.
3. THE UNIT PRICE FOR FIBERCLAY IS $5.00/C.Y. FOR THE FIBERCLAY CAP, THE ENTIRE LANDFILL WAS CAPPED WITH ONLY FIBERCLAY. FOR THE FIBERCLAY/CLAY CAP, 10200 C.Y. OF FIBERCLAY WAS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1200 C.Y. OF CLAY.
4. THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST EXCLUDES ENGINEERING.
5. ALL CAPS INCLUDE MATERIAL COST, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION. AN EXTRA CONTINGENCY WAS ADDED INTO THE CLAY CAP FOR RESTORATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE OFF-SITE CLAY SOURCE.

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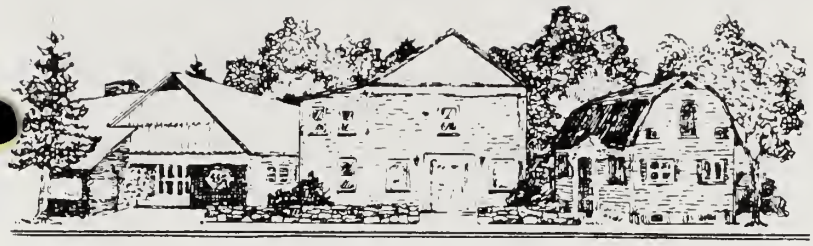

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

Representative Steven Kulik
State House
Room 134
Boston, Ma. 02133

Mr. Kulik:

This is to certify that the Town of Leverett passed Article 18 of it's Annual Town Meeting Warrant on March 30, 1996. The Article read as follows:

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to ask the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special law as follows:

Section 1: The Town of Leverett is hereby authorized to enter into contracts to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new addition to the existing public school facility or a new free standing adjoining public school facility to the elementary school in said town without such a contract being subject to the competitive bid process as set forth in Section 38A½ to 380 inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, in Sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, Sections 1-1 to 1-21 of Chapter 70 App. of the General Laws and Section 39M of Chapter 139 as the case may be.

Article 18 Continued:
Section 2: If the Town of Leverett shall fail to commence construction of the project identified herein within three (3) years from the effective date of this act, then the provisions of the act should become inoperative.

Charlie Paulen: So moved.
seconded. Motion passed.

A true Copy, Attest:

Evelyn K. Bloom
Assistant Town Clerk

July 24, 1996

DA-82 LOAN AUTHORIZATION REPORT FORM

Town/District: LEVERETT, MASSACHSUETTS

INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNUAL) MEETING CALLED FOR MARCH 30, 1996, 19___
~~SPECIAL~~)

Article 6 passed on March 30, 1996, 19___ authorizing a loan of

$ 425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services & material for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill

ATTESTED COPY OF WARRANT:

Posted: Date March 22, 1996 Places* as listed at close of warrant

Published in newspaper: Date(s) n.a. mailed to all residents

Warrant or notice mailed: Date 11 March 1996

To whom: all residents of the Town

Additional Notification Requirements: n.a. Were these met? _____

VOTE COUNT (Unanimous or Actual Vote Count): unanimous

PLEASE ATTACH CERTIFIED COPY OF THE VOTE AS PASSED
PLEASE ALSO ATTACH RESULTS OF DEBT EXCLUSION VOTE, IF ANY

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADJOURNED SESSION:
Warrant or notice of adjournment:

Posted: Date n.a. Places* _____

Published: Date(s) _____ Mailed: Date _____

Additional Requirements _____ Were these met? _____

QUORUM:
Number or percentage required: 5% Was quorum present? yes

Finance/Advisory) Committee meeting posted: Date March 25, 1996

If vote subject to referendum, were requirements met? n.a.

Is litigation pending which would affect the validity of this vote? no

I hereby certify that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____
Town or District Clerk

* If Places are Specified by By-Law or Vote, list actual places posted.

Debt Section
Division of Local Services
P.O. Box 9655
Boston, MA 02114-9655

Tel: (617) 727-2300 ext. 509 or 510
FAX: (617) 727-6432

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

This will certify that on March 30, 1996, at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Leverett, the following appeared on the Meeting warrant as Article Six:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum not to exceed $425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

The warrant article was moved thus:

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to borrow $425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A true copy attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk
November 19, 1996

Selectboard, 3 year term: Don Gibivic
Tree Warden, 1 yr term: Will Stratford

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

The Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector were held and it was explained that plumbing is now split w/ Gas and is ~~now~~ considered a change in accounting. The regional school assessment line was held and raised from $723,000.00 to $736,000.00 by Bob Stachowiak of the school committee. The question concerning Dept P&I's large jump was answered. It was the new roof for ARJHS & 1st payment for H.S. addition.
A final FY 97 budget of $2,527,723.00 was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town authorize the S.B. to enter into contracts w/ the Mass Highway Dept for construction and/or maintenance of highways and other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies and authorize the SB to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Ma for highway construction & /or maintenance related work.

Seconded. Finance committee not represented. Passed Unanimously.

At this time it was moved by Lorna Rivers and seconded to take out of order Article 15. ~~concerning the~~

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and/or the Selectmen to apply for any State and/or federal funding which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction, and original equipping of a new library and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

Don Gibiric: I move that we authorize the Board of Lib Trustees to apply for ----

seconded. Vote taken (majority vote required) ~~Unanimous~~ yes: 92; No. 0

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of 28,539.00 to purchase & equip a 4-wheel drive police vehicle.

Don Gibiric: I move that the town vote to borrow the sum of 28,539. ~~and~~ to purchase & equip a 4-wheel drive police vehicle, ~~seconded~~. Finance committee left word that they do not support this article. Discussion followed and the motion was changed to "raise $18,539.00 and transfer from ~~savings~~ the stabilization funds $10,000. The motion was seconded, Unanimously passed.

Article five: To see if town will vote to raise & approp., transfer from funds or borrow the sum of $8,000 to purchase a new dump body for the highway dept.

Don Gibivic: I move that the town raise & appropriate the sum of 8,000 to purchase a new dump body. seconded. The finance committee approved in absentia. Capital Planning recommended. Passed unanimously.

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to raise & approp, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Lev Sanitary Landfill.

Alice Karig: I move to vote to borrow $425,000. for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Lev. Sanitary Landfill.

~~seconded.~~

Discussion followed to explain possible options regarding different materials which could be used. Leverett came in 3rd (tied with one other community) in the state for materials recycled. Leverett recycles 60% of its trash which saved us $9,000 in tipping fees this year.

~~Seconded~~. Motion carried unanimously.

3/ Article seven: To see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate from available funds, or borrow $8,000 to repair the Town Hall roof.

Don Gibivic made a motion to dismiss this article because Don Ogden will be in town this summer & has asked that we wait so that

he can evaluate the roof. ~~and do what is necessary~~ He has been the one who kept the roof in repair for years before he moved.

Article eight:

I move that ~~To see whether~~ the Town ~~will~~ authorize ~~the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leverett to~~ acquire by ~~Deed, gift, taking by eminent domain or any other method~~, the land on the Easterly side of Montague Road ~~said to contain 7.8 acres of land more or less and believed to~~ be owned exclusively by Brad Lewis, ~~described herein and to borrow a sum~~ not to exceed $65,200.00 therefore. A complete description of the metes and bounds of this parcel is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the town acquire the land on the Easterly side of Montague Rd...

Discussion followed and a map showing the land as it relates to the existing town properties was shown. Richard Howland read the specific description. It was stated that the price offered is based on what Mr. Lewis has been paying taxes on. Mr. Lewis acknowledged the town need for certain of the land but ~~reg~~ stated that he wanted to retain the remainder for himself.

Seconded. Vote taken (2/3 vote required): Yes: 74; No: 8

Motion carried.

Article Nine:

~~To see if the Town will~~ vote to raise and appropriate, ~~transfer from available funds~~ or *borrow* $1,500.00 to hire engineering services to develop a site plan and a septic system design for the public safety/public works complex.

Alice Karig: I move to vote to raise & appropriate $1,500.00 to ...

seconded. No recommendation from Capital Planning.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article Ten:

I move for take

~~To see if the~~ Town ~~will vote to~~ raise and ~~appropriate~~ the sum of $200.00 as a bill of prior years to pay for contracted nursing services for the Leverett Elementary School.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move for the Town to take from free cash the sum of $200 to pay for contracted nursing services for the Lev Elem Sch.

seconded. Vote taken (4/5 vote required) Yes: 82 ; No: 1

motion carried.

Article Eleven:

~~To see~~ if the Town ~~will vote~~ to raise and appropriate ~~or transfer from available funds~~ $200.00 to obtain a base map of the town.

Don Gibivic: I move for the Town to raise + appropriate $200 to obtain a base map of the town.

seconded. ~~Vote~~ Motion carried unanimously.

Article Twelve:

move for to

~~To see if the~~ Town ~~will~~ vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $2,500.00 for the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund.

Alice Rarig: I move ~~for~~ to transfer . . . .

seconded. Motion carried

Article thirteen:

I move that the town

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or *borrow* $10,000.00 to bring the bathrooms at the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Don Gibivic:

seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Article fourteen:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move to pass over Article 14.
(Don - Dismiss?)

Article sixteen:

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of supplementing the Town Hall maintenance, equipment and furnishings budget. Monies collected from fund raising and credited to the Town Hall Maintenance Revolving Fund may be expended by the Selectboard without further appropriation to pay for materials and/or contractors. The amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.00.

Alice Rarig: I so move.
seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the following reolving funds:

The Night Custodian Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 21, April 24, 1993;

The Library Revolving Fund as authroized by Article 16, April 30, 1994;

The Telephone Book Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 13, April 29, 1995; and

The Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund as authorized by Article 14, April 29, 1995.

Don Gibivic: So moved
seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to ask the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special law as follows:

Section 1: The Town of Leverett is hereby authorized to enter into contracts to provide labor and materials for the construction of a new addition to the existing public school facility or a new free standing adjoining public school facility to the elementary school in said town without such a contract being subject to the competitive bid process as set forth in Section 38A ½ to 380 inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, Chapter 30B of the General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, in Sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, Sections 1-1 to 1-21 of Chapter 70 App. of the General Laws and Section 39M of Chapter ~~90~~ of the General Laws. Add or Ch 139 as case may be

typed to here

Section 2: If the Town of Leverett shall fail to commence construction of the project identified herein within three (3) years from the effective date of this act, then the provisions of the act should become inoperative. ?

Charlie Pawlen: So moved
seconded. Motion passed.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1995 which amends Chapter 32 of the MGL regarding pension and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that we dismiss this article.

seconded. Carried.

FY 97 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Saturday, March 30, 1996
9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

I declare that a quorum is present; the meeting will come to order.

As most of you know, my name is Dick Howland and I am the Moderator of our meeting. In keeping with the custom and tradition of the oldest continuous town meeting in New England, all questions and discussions will be with the Moderator and should be addressesd to the Moderator. Please direct all questions and comments to me and avoid direct debate with other members.

Only registered voters are permitted to vote. Visitors are directed to maintain good order and to refrain from any form of voting. If you are a visitor and wish to address the meeting at any time, you may ask the Moderator for permission to speak and, by leave of the town meeting, you may be permitted to do so.

We have long enjoyed the custom of "calling the previous question". I have been given wise counsel, I think, that a moderator may decline to entertain such a motion without first drawing the attention of the meeting of the numbers of people waiting to speak so that we may have full debate, but not to the point of repetition bickering. Our purpose is to permit every view to be afforded a fair and open airing to any matter lawfully before the meeting. Please respect your friends, neighbors and fellow townspeople by speaking to the issue; keep comments brief and focussed and please do not review earlier points in detail.

I do not generally take notice of any person's religious views or preferences believing that we are all equally entitled to our own faith practiced according to whatever custom or tradition we embrace. Recently I was privileged to attend the Annual meeting of Native American tribes at Sedona Arizona. I was exposed to the Navajo Justice Circle method of bringing harmony to their community in the face of dispute and disagreement and even crime and violence. Central to the Navajo philosophy is a connection spiritual and physical, to the earth, the universe, forefathers and foremothers whose spirits are invoked for guidance and influence at each meeting. The basic social glue is a deep cultural committment to their community with a foundation that the history and tradition of the Navajo tribe is the bedrock upon which harmony is founded. They do not believe that any solution can exclude a Navajo. There is no tradition of banishment or imprisonment. Rather they seek to bring the community into harmony by a consensus not submission or even identification of the elusive notion of ultimate truth. All matters are in the context of Navajo tradition. A solemn recitation opens the circle, invoking the spirit and forebears of the Navajo and all its earthly and spiritual connections. Finally they speak one at a time until all have spoken and then they work together to achieve a resolution. I invite you to rise now in a moment of silence and committment to community in memory of the townspeople who have died in this past year and out of respect for one another and a promise to listen more than speak, to commit to community more than self-interest and to resolve to move with dispatch until the ~~PTO~~ lunch is served. We will conclude with the invocation in respect of the ever triumphant, GO UMASS.

Meeting Motion to disolve town Mtg

ARTICLE ONE: To choose all necessary Town Officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town By-Law. **ELECTIONS *MAJORITY***

	Office	Nominee	For		
✓	Assessor	David Palmer (3)	Unan	Don Robinson	2nd
	Auditor	Steve Nagy (1)	Unan	Tom Eddy	2nd
✓	Board of Health	Peter Reich (3)	Unan	Drieko	2nd
✓	Board of Health	David Pozar (3)	Unan	Steve Blinn	2nd
✓	Constable	John Swartz (3)	Unan	Drieko	2nd
✓	Finance Committee	Dennis Pacquette (3)?	Unan	Fenna Lee. Bonsignior	2nd
✓	Library Trustee	Sondra Corcoran (3)	Unan	Lorna Lis	2nd
✓	Library Trustee	Chris Condit (3)	Unan	Bill Rivers	2nd
	Moderator	(3) Gary Gruber	Unan	FL Bons.	2nd
	Asst Moderator	(1) Nancy Gibivic		Gary Gruber	2nd
✓	Planning Board	Jeff McQueen (5) ?		Steward Olsen	
✓	Planning Board	Sid Poritz (5)		Gary Grub	
✓	School Committee	Bob Stachowiak (3)		Charlie Pollen	
✓	Selectboard	Don Gibavic (3)		Peter May	
	Tree Warden	Will Stratford (1)		Steve Nagy	

Page Reference	Rank	*Table of Basic Points of Motions*	Second Required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required	May Reconsider	May Interrupt
		PRIVILEGED MOTIONS						
126	1	Dissolve or adjourn sine die	Yes	No	No	Maj.	No	No
123	2	Adjourn to a fixed time or recess	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	No
121	3	Point of no quorum	No	No	No	None	No	No
120	4	Fix the time to (or at) which to adjourn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
118	5	Question of privilege	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
		SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS						
99	6	Lay on the table	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes	No
97	7	The previous question	Yes	No	No	2/3	No	No
96	8	Limit or extend debate	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes	No
94	9	Postpone to a time certain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
92	10	Commit or refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
89	11	Amend (or substitute)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
87	12	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Maj.	Yes	No
		INCIDENTAL MOTIONS						
104	Same rank as motion out of which they arise	Point of order	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
105		Appeal	Yes	Yes	No	Maj.	Yes	No
107		Division of a question	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	No
109		Separate consideration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	No
110		Fix the method of voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
111		Nominations to committees	No	No	No	Plur.	No	No
112		Withdraw or modify a motion	No	No	No	Maj.	No	No
114		Suspension of rules	Yes	No	No	2/3†	No	No
		MAIN MOTIONS						
63	None	Main motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Var.	Yes	No
73	*	Reconsider or rescind	Yes	*	No	Maj.	No	No
100	None	Take from the table	Yes	No	No	Maj.	No	No
54	None	Advance an article	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No

* Same rank and debatable to same extent as motion being reconsidered.
† Unanimous if rule protects minorities; out of order if rule protects absentees.

The budget will be read by the Moderator one department at a time referring to the department number and name. I will allow a few moments for any voter to indicate that they wish to reserve the opportunity to discuss, debate or speak to any budget item by simply signifying by stating "Hold" and I will reserve the "Held" item for later discussion. After all departments have been read, I will entertain a motion of the Finance Committee to accept the Budget excluding the held items. After passing the partial budget, each held item will be taken up in the order it appears in the budget for such action as the town wishes to take. We will then take a final vote on the entire budget with any amendments or changes that have been adopted. Once the item is passed, I do not intend to revisit any item which was not held when first considered. Strict application of Roberts Rules ass I interpret them will govern.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses.

BUDGET *MAJORITY*

Held Item	Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

Proposed Fy 97 Budget 03/25

Fy 97 Budget

DEPARTMENT	Fy96	FY 97 Proposed
113 **TOWN MEETING**		
Salaries	200.00	200.00
Expenses	245.00	245.00
TOTAL	445.00	445.00
114 **MODERATOR**	50.00	50.00
122 **SELECTMEN**		
Salaries		
Chair	1,050.00	1,050.00
2 members	2,000.00	2,000.00
Clerk	8,677.00	8,894.00
Subtotal	11,727.00	11,944.00
Expenses		
Telephone	275.00	275.00
Supplies/dues/misc	1 500.00	1,500.00
bids/ads	200.00	200.00
Postage	185.00	185.00
Travel/conference	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	2,260 00	2,260.00
TOTAL	13,987.00	14,204.00
124 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**		
Salary	18,552.00	19,016.00
Expenses	830 00	830.00
TOTAL	19,382.00	19,846.00
131 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**	95 00	95.00
132 **RESERVE FUND**	25,000.00	25,000 00
135 **ACCOUNTING OFFICER**		
Salaries/wages	6,180.00	6,335.00
Expenses		
Biennial Audit	2,700.00	2,700.00
Software Support	495.00	495.00
Telephone	90.00	90.00
Book Binding	80.00	80.00
Supplies	75.00	75.00
Conf/Travel	40.00	40.00
Dues	30.00	30.00
Subtotal	3,510.00	3,510.00
TOTAL	9,690.00	9,845.00
141 **ASSESSORS**		
Salaries		
Chair	998.00	998.00
2 members	1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk	950.00	974.00
Subtotal	3,848.00	3,872.00
Expenses		
Maps	400.00	100.00
Forms	150.00	150.00
Reg of Deeds	267.00	150.00
Telephone	80.00	80.00
Dues	53.00	50.00
Supplies		120.00
Subtotal	950 00	650.00
TOTAL	4,798.00	4,522.00
142 **REVAL/MAINTENANCE**		
Salary	8,000.00	8,000.00
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145 **TREASURER**		
Salaries/Wages	6.180 00	6 335.00
Expenses		
Software Support	555.00	555.00
Envelopes/postage	500 00	500 00
Bond	305 00	305.00
Checks/W-2's	300 00	300.00
Banking Services	150.00	150.00
Telephone	90.00	90.00
Bookbinding	80.00	80.00
Supplies	50.00	50.00
Borrowing	50.00	50.00
Conf/travel	50 00	50.00
Dues	35.00	35.00
Subtotal	2.165.00	2.165.00
TOTAL	8.345.00	8.500.00
146 **COLLECTOR**		
Salaries/wages	6,180.00	6,335 00
Expenses		
Envelopes/Postage	1,000.00	1 250.00
Bond	432.00	432.00
Software Contract	360.00	85.00
Tax Bills	350 00	375.00
Bookbinding	90.00	90.00
Telephone	90.00	100.00
Supplies	40.00	30.00
Dues	35 00	35.00
Conf/Travel	35 00	35 00
Subtotal	2.432.00	2.432.00
TOTAL	8.612.00	8.767.00
149 **CAPITAL PLANNING**	100.00	100 00
151 **TOWN COUNSEL**	1.000 00	1.000 00
161 **TOWN CLERK**		
Salary	6,828.00	6.999.00
Census input/data collection	650.00	650.00
Subtotal	7,478.00	7,649.00
Expenses		
Supplies/Forms/Dues	180.00	180.00
Bond	50.00	50.00
Postage	75.00	75.00
Travel/Conf	300.00	300.00
Census	415.00	415.00
Subtotal	1,020.00	1,020 00
TOTAL	8,498.00	8,669.00
162 **ELECTIONS**		
Salaries		
Poll Workers/police	700 00	1,300.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	800.00	1,400.00
163 **REGISTRARS**		
Salaries (4)	170.00	170.00
Expenses	50.00	50 00
TOTAL	220.00	220.00
171 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**		
Salary/Secretary	1,030.00	1,056.00
Expenses		
Memberships	100.00	100.00
Legal Notices/Postage	675.00	675.00
Subtotal	775.00	775.00
TOTAL	1,805.00	1,831.00

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175 **PLANNING BOARD**		
Consulting	1,000 00	1 000 00
Supplies/Advertising/Dues	350 00	350.00
TOTAL	1 350.00	1.350.00
176 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**	150.00	150 00
192 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENANCE**		
Wages/Town Hall Janitor	2,500.00	2,563.00
Expenses		
Maintenance	3,750.00	3,750.00
Electricity	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fuel Oil	4,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment	250.00	250 00
Subtotal	13,000.00	13,000.00
TOTAL	15,500.00	15,563.00
193 **BUILDING INSURANCE**		
Commercial package	5,960.00	5,960.00
Boiler	770.00	770.00
TOTAL	6,730 00	6,730.00
195 **TOWN REPORTS**	1,400.00	1,500.00
198 **NEWSLETTER**	1,168 00	1,416.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	137,125.00	139,203.00
210 **POLICE**		
Wages		
Chief	6 530.00	6,693.00
Clerk	1,160.00	1,189 00
Regular Hours	27 280.00	27 962.00
Court Hours	3,180 00	3 260.00
Training	2 400 00	2,460 00
Subtotal	40 550 00	41 564 00
Expenses		
Vehicles	7 500 00	7 500 00
Training	1 000 00	1 000.00
Radio/Radar	2,350 00	1 350.00
Dues	150.00	150.00
Uniforms	1 500.00	1,500.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone	1,200 00	2,200.00
Subtotal	15,200.00	15,200.00
Insurance		
Police Workers'Comp	2,075 00	2,075 00
Subtotal	2 075 00	2 075 00
TOTAL	57,825 00	58,839 00
220 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**		
Wages		
Chief	3,500 00	3,588.00
Deputy Chief	440.00	451.00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00	51.00
2 Captains	440.00	451.00
Response Pay	5,578.00	5,717.00
Lieutenant	110.00	113.00
Inspection, salary	1,000.00	1,025.00
Training	2,200.00	5,500.00
Subtotal	13,318.00	16,896.00
Expenses		
Training	500 00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance	4,500.00	4,500.00
Gas/Oil	850.00	850.00
Mutual Aid	120.00	120.00
Brush Fires	650.00	650.00
Postage	30.00	30.00

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Capital	2,500.00	2,500.00
Electricity	475 00	475 00
Fuel Oil	300.00	300 00
Inspection Mileage	300 00	300 00
Telephone	400 00	400 00
Subtotal	10,625.00	10,625.00
Insurance		
Firefighter's Worker's Comp	3,400.00	3,400.00
TOTAL	27,343.00	30,921.00
231 **AMBULANCE**	6,480.00	10,710.00
241 **BUILDING INSPECTOR**	10,715.00	9,451.00
242 **GAS INSP**	8,422.00	4,825.00
243 **PLUMBING INSP**		4,279.00
245 **ELECTRICAL INSP**	4,553.00	7,454.00
249 **ANIMAL INSPECTOR salary**	100.00	100.00
291 **EMERGENCY PLANNING**	25.00	25.00
292 **DOG OFFICER**		
Salary	650.00	650.00
Expenses	90.00	90.00
TOTAL	740 00	740.00
299 **TREE WARDEN**	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	**122,203.00**	**133,344.00**
300 **SCHOOLS**		
School Committee	250.00	250.00 ✓
Elementary School	914,048.00	938,641 00 ✓
Retirement	15,541.00	17,322.00 ✓
Workers Comp	6,582.00	9 000.00 ✓
Unemployment	1,700 00	1,700.00 ✓
Health Ins	53,000 00	53,000.00 ✓
Life Ins	400 00	450.00 ✓
Medicare	8,580.00	8 580.00 ✓
School Nurse Liability Ins		53 00 ✓
DebtP	61,686.00	59,441.00 ✓
DebtI	14,900.00	12,461.00 ✓
Regional School	628,444.00	~~723,000.00~~ 736,078
Debt P& I	18,836.00	76,112.00 ✓
TOTAL SCHOOLS	**1,723,967.00**	~~1,900,010.00~~ 1,913,088
422 **HIGHWAY DEPT.**		
Wages		
Full Time	79,573.00	81,562.00
Emergency Overtime		1,000.00
Subtotal	79,573.00	82,562.00
Expenses		
Equipment Rental	1,500.00	1,500.00
Parts/Tools	7,275.00	7,275.00
Repairs	2,940.00	2,940.00
Tires/Batteries	1,600.00	1,600 00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	13,000.00	13,000.00
Lumber/Fence/Paint	1,100.00	1,100.00
Pipes/Culverts	3,000.00	3,000.00
Asphalt/Blacktop	22,000.00	22,000.00
Stone/Gravel/Sand	11,350.00	11,350.00
Telephone	350.00	350.00
Supplies	200.00	200.00
Street Signs	300.00	300.00
Training	250 00	250.00
Bridge maintenance	3,500.00	3,500.00
Gravel Rd. Maintenance	8,000.00	8,000.00
Line Striping	4,000.00	4,000.00
Subtotal	80,365.00	80,365.00
TOTAL	159,938.00	162,927.00

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423 **SNOW/ICE CONTROL**		
Wages	10 000 00	9 225 00
Salt/Sand	20 000 00	20 000 00
TOTAL	30 000.00	29.225.00
424 **STREETLIGHTS**	2,597 00	2,700 00
439 **SOLID WASTE**		
TRANSFER STATION		
Salaries		
Transfer Station Attend	2,635.00	2,701.00
Assist. Attend	2,184.00	2,239.00
Recycling Coord	750.00	769.00
Special Projects help	500.00	682.00
Subtotal	6,069.00	6,391.00
Expenses		
Recycling hauling	5,460.00	5,460.00
TS hauling	2,000.00	2,380.00
TS tipping	16,775.00	16,775 00
Stickers	300.00	300.00
Coupons	300.00	300 00
Maintenance	800.00	800.00
Electricity	800 00	800.00
Telephone	250 00	250 00
Miscellaneous	100 00	100 00
Special Programs	2,600 00	2 600.00
Hazardous Waste	1,000.00	1,000.00
Refuse Distrct dues	25.00	25 00
DEP Recycl Fee	90 00	90 00
Subtotal	30 500 00	30 880 00
TOTAL	36.569 00	37.271 00
491 **CEMETERIES**		
North	550 00	550 00
Village	550 00	550 00
TOTAL	1,100 00	1 100.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	**230,204.00**	**233,223.00**
510 **BOARD OF HEALTH**		
Salaries		
Chair	400 00	400.00
4 Members	800 00	800.00
Subtotal	1,200.00	1,200 00
Expenses		
Postage	75 00	75.00
Dues	50 00	50.00
Legal Notices	400.00	400 00
Office Supplies	100 00	100.00
Vaccinations	300.00	
Subtotal	925.00	625.00
TOTAL	2,125.00	1,825.00
519 **HEALTH AGENT**	7,860.00	8,057.00
541 **COUNCIL ON AGING**	340.00	340.00
543 **VETERANS' SERVICES**	3,825 00	4,689 00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	**14,150.00**	**14,911.00**
610 **LIBRARY**		
Wages		
Librarian/Director	10,717.00	10 717.00
Assist Librarian		3,900.00
Janitor	299.00	311.00
Subtotal	11,016.00	14,928.00
Expenses		
Books/Magazines	853.00	938.00

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	Utilities	1.392.00	1.462.00
	Office Supplies	219 00	230.00
	Misc	243.00	255.00
	Subtotal	2.707.00	2.885.00
	TOTAL	13.723.00	17.813.00
691	**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**	200.00	200.00
692	**HARVEST FESTIVAL**	50.00	50.00
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECREATIOI	**13,973.00**	**18,063.00**
710	**DEBT PRINCIPAL**	33.250.00	15.439.00
751	**DEBT INTEREST**	3.082.00	1.800.00
	Int on Revenue Antic Notes		1.000.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	**36,332.00**	**18,239.00**
911	**RETIREMENT**	19.463.00	18.052.00
912	**WORKERS' COMP**	6.889.00	10.000.00
913	**UNEMPLOYMENT**	300.00	500.00
914	**HEALTH INSURANCE**	15.000.00	15,000.00
915	**LIFE INSURANCE**	70.00	85.00
916	**MEDICARE**	2.420.00	2.420.00
945	**LIABILITY INSURANCE**		
	Public officials	3.075.00	3.075.00
	Umbrella	1.000.00	1.000.00
	TOTAL	4.075.00	4.075.00
946	**AUTO**	7.607.00	7.607.00
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	**55,824.00**	**57,739.00**
	GRAND TOTAL	**2,333,778.00**	**2,514,732.00**

2,527,810

13,078

ARTICLE THREE: [redacted]

Karey -

MAJORITY

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

Unan.

All in favor to take out of order - Unan turn to Article 15 - taken out of order

ARTICLE FOUR: I move that ~~To see if~~ the Town ~~will~~ vote to ~~raise and appropriate, transfer from~~ available funds ~~or~~ *borrow* the sum of $28,539.00 to purchase and equip a 4-wheel drive police vehicle.

Raise, appropriate or transfer *MAJORITY* **BORROW** *TWO-THIRDS* Don Gibivic

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

Finance Com. doesn't support - no reason

39
56
95 - 0

Unan

18,539 Raise & 10,000 stabilization

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, ~~transfer from~~ ~~available funds or *borrow*~~ the sum of $8,000.00 to purchase a new dump body for the highway department. Don Gib.

Raise, appropriate or transfer *MAJORITY* **BORROW** *TWO-THIRDS*

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

~~90 for~~

Fin. Com approv.
Cap. Plan recommends

Unan.

(Contingent upon a passage of debt exclus. overide.

I move to

ARTICLE SIX: ~~To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or *borrow* a sum of money~~ 425,000 for landfill closure, cap construction and related services and materials for the Leverett Sanitary Landfill.

Pass over

Pass

Raise, appropriate or transfer ***MAJORITY*** **BORROW** ***TWO-THIRDS***

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay
				75	—

Abstain 0

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Unan.

60% recycled

saved $9,000 in tipping because of such recycling.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or *borrow* $8,000.00 to repair the Town Hall roof.

Dismiss

Raise, appropriate or transfer ***MAJORITY***{ **BORROW** ~~***TWO-THIRDS***~~

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay
		~~Approve the cost~~			

Don Gib.

~~Pass~~ over.

Don Ogden will be in town this summer

ARTICLE EIGHT:

Fenna Lee

2nd

[redacted]

MOTION FOR LEVERETT SELECTBOARD:

I move that the town authorize the board of selectmen to acquire for the town that land on the easterly side of Montague Road consisting of 7.8 acres, more or less, said to be owned by Brad Lewis and to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~$50,000.00~~ ~~68,900.00~~ 65,200. for said purpose, said land described as follows:

Based on what Mr Lewis is paying taxes on.

The Land on the easterly side of Montague Road, Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts:

Beginning at an iron pin set in the Easterly line of Montague Road in Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts now or formerly of Gilbert L. and Muriel A. Woodard;

Thence North 13° 35' 00" East, a distance of 221.01 feet, more or less, to an iron pin at land now or formerly of the Inhabitants of the Town of Leverett;

Thence South 72° 26' 40" East, a distance of 110.13 feet, more or less, by land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe;

Thence South 25° 16' 34" East a distance of 64.20 feet, more or less, by land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pipe;

Thence North 73° 31' 20" East a distance of 315.54 feet, more or less, by land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pin at the end of the wall;

Thence North 13° 21' 00" East a distance of 386.54 feet, more or less, by said stone wall and said land of the Town of Leverett to a drill hole in a boulder;

Thence North 01° 15' 20" East a distance of 300.96 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pin;

Thence North 32° 37' 40" West a distance of 208.32 feet, more or less, by land of said Town of Leverett to an iron pin;

Thence North 06° 55' 20" East a distance of 422.38 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe and stones by the corner of a fence;

Thence North 80° 59' 00" West a distance of 103.50 feet, more or less, by said land of the Town of Leverett to an iron pipe in concrete at the end of a wall set on the Easterly line of Montague Road;

Thence North 11° 57' 48" East a distance of 143.52 feet, more or less, by said Easterly line of Montague Road to a drill hole in the boulder at land now or formerly of George Spence; Thence South 70° 07' 33" East a distance of 277.13 feet, more or less, by said Spence land to an iron pin set in stones;

Thence South 03° 42' 36" West a distance of 517.77 feet, more or less, by land of said Spence to an iron pin set in stones;

Thence South 55° 06' 48" East a distance of 142 feet, more or less, by land of said Spence to a point in the center of the brook known as Doolittle Brook also known as the Saw Mill River;

Thence Southerly by the center of said brook 619 feet, more or less, by land of said George Spence to a point;

Thence South 52° 54' 01" West a distance of 177 feet, more or less, by land of said Woodard; Thence South 54° 39' 35" West a distance of 94.44 feet, more or less, by land of said Woodard to a point at the intersection of the stone wall;

Thence South 53° 32' 41" West a distance of 148.85 feet, more or less, by land of said Woodard to a point;

Thence South 55° 29' 53" West a distance of 87.71 feet, more or less,

to a point at an intersection of the stone walls;
Thence South 54° 16' 32" West a distance of 125.37 feet, more or less, by land of said Woodard to a drill hole in a boulder;
Thence North 88° 30' 21" West a distance of 208.29 feet, more or less, to the iron pipe in the concrete at the beginning;
Containing 7.8 acres, more or less, and ***meaning and intending to describe all of the land with the buildings thereon now or formerly of Bradford H. Lewis in said Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts on the easterly side of Montague Road.***

TAKING / BORROWING *TWO-THIRDS*

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay
				74	8

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37
74 for

8 opposed

ARTICLE NINE: I move to [redacted]

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Raise, appropriate or transfer ***MAJORITY*** **BORROW *TWO-THIRDS***

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

Unan.

No recom from Cap plann

[redacted]

ARTICLE TEN: [redacted]

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FOUR FIFTHS

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay
				82	1

ARTICLE ELEVEN: I move for [redacted]

Don Gibbie

Unan.

MAJORITY

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

ARTICLE TWELVE: I [redacted]

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Ayes have it

one nay

MAJORITY

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: [redacted]

Don Gib

Raise, appropriate or transfer ***MAJORITY*** **BORROW** ***TWO-THIRDS***

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay
		Yes			

Cap. Plan – Yes

Unan.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: [redacted]

X

MAJORITY

Passover – Fenna Lee

Move to dismiss

Don. G.

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: [redacted]

Annette Gib & Cliff counters

MAJORITY – hand Ook.

92 for

Unan.

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

ARTICLE SIXTEEN:

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[redacted]

MAJORITY

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:

So moved

Don

[redacted]

MAJORITY

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

Unam.

C. 44 Sec. 53E1/2. Cities or Towns Authorized to Use Revolving Funds; Credits, Expenditures, and Interest Earned; Limitations; Procedure for Establishing Fund; Reports; Guidelines.

[No change in the first paragraph.] Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty three, a city or town may annually authorize the use of one or more revolving funds by one or more municipal agency, board, department or office which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies in such city or town and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such revolving fund. Expenditures may be made from such revolving fund without further appropriation, subject to the provisions of this section; provided, however, that expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred from any such revolving fund in excess of the balance of the fund nor in excess of the total authorized expenditures from such fund, nor shall any expenditures be made unless approved in accordance with sections forty-one, forty-two, fifty-two and fifty-six of chapter forty-one.

[The second paragraph is amended to read as follows:] Interest earned on any revolving fund balance shall be treated as general fund revenue of the city or town. No revolving fund may be established pursuant to this section for receipts of a municipal water or sewer department or of a municipal hospital. No such revolving fund may be established if the aggregate limit of all revolving funds authorized under this section exceeds ten percent of the amount raised by taxation by the city or town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine. No revolving fund expenditures shall be made for the purpose of paying any wages or salaries for full time employees unless such revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages or salaries so paid; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to wages or salaries paid to full or part-time employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; provided further, that only that portion of a revolving fund which is attributable to transportation fees may be used to pay such wages or salaries and provided, further, that any such wages or salaries so paid shall be reported in the budget submitted for the next fiscal year.

[The third paragraph is amended to read as follows:] A revolving fund established under the provisions of this section shall be by vote of the annual town meeting in a town, upon recommendation of the board of selectmen, and by vote of the city council in a city, upon recommendation of the mayor or city manager, in Plan E cities, and in any other city or town by vote of the legislative body upon the recommendation of the chief administrative or executive officer. Such authorization shall be made annually prior to each respective fiscal year; provided, however, that each authorization for a revolving fund shall specify: (1) the programs and purposes for which the revolving fund may be expended; (2) the departmental receipts which shall be credited to the revolving fund; (3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend from such fund; (4) a limit on the total amount which may be expended from such fund in the ensuing fiscal year; and, provided, further, that no board, department or officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all revolving funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the city or town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, whenever, during the course of any fiscal year, any new revenue source becomes available for the establishment of a revolving fund under this section, such a fund may be established in accordance with this section upon certification by the city auditor, town accountant, or other officer having similar duties, that the revenue source was not used in computing the most recent tax levy.

[No change in balance of section.] In any fiscal year the limit on the amount that may be spent from a revolving fund may be increased with the approval of the city council and mayor in a city, or with the approval of the selectmen and finance committee, if any, in a town; provided, however, that the one percent limit established by clause (4) of the third paragraph is not exceeded.

The board, department or officer having charge of such revolving fund shall report to the annual town meeting or to the city council and the board of selectmen, the mayor of a city or city manager in a Plan E city or in any other city or town to the legislative body and the chief administrative or executive officer, the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund under its control for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year through December thirty-first, or such later date as the town meeting or city

council may, by vote determine, and the amount of any increases in spending authority granted during the prior and current fiscal years, together with such other information as the town meeting or city council may by vote require.

At the close of a fiscal year in which a revolving fund is not reauthorized for the following year, or in which a city or town changes the purposes for which money in a revolving fund may be spent in the following year, the balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to surplus revenue unless the annual town meeting or the city council and mayor or city manager in a Plan E city and in any other city or town the legislative body vote to transfer such balance to another revolving fund established under this section.

The director of accounts may issue guidelines further regulating revolving funds established under this section.

History--

1990, 275, Sec. 1; 1992, 224, Sec. 1, approved, with emergency preamble, Nov 5, 1992.

Amended by 1994, 60, Secs. 72, 73, approved July 10, 1994, by Sec. 315, effective July 1, 1994.

Editorial Note--

Section 2 of the inserting act provides as follows:

Section 2. For the purposes of establishing a revolving fund under the provisions of this act during fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-one, a town by majority vote of a special town meeting in a town, upon recommendation of the board of selectmen, or by vote of the city council in a city, upon recommendation of the mayor or city manager, in a Plan E city, and in any other city or town by vote of the legislative body, upon recommendation of the chief administrative or executive officer, may authorize the use of a revolving fund during said fiscal year; provided, however, that prior to such vote the finance committee in a town and the auditor or chief financial officer in a city designated by special law, General Law or ordinance, certifies to the assessors that the estimated revenue of the proposed revolving fund has not been used as a local estimated receipt, offset receipt, enterprise revenue or otherwise within the city or town's fiscal nineteen hundred and ninety-one appropriations

The 1992 amendment in the fourth sentence of the second paragraph, following the word "employees" inserted "; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to wages or salaries paid to full or part-time employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; provided, further, that only that portion of a revolving fund which is attributable to transportation fees may be used to pay such wages or salaries and provided, further, that any such wages or salaries so paid shall be reported in the budget submitted for the next fiscal year"

The 1994 amendment, by Sec. 72, in the second paragraph, substituted the last sentence for one which read: "No revolving fund expenditures shall be made for the purpose of paying any wages or salaries for full time employees; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to wages or salaries paid to full or part-time employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; provided, further, that only that portion of a revolving fund which is attributable to transportation fees may be used to pay such wages or salaries and provided, further, that any such wages or salaries so paid shall be reported in the budget submitted for the next fiscal year."; and by Sec. 73, in the third paragraph, added a sentence which reads: "Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, whenever, during the course of any fiscal year, any new revenue source becomes available for the establishment of a revolving fund under this section, such a fund may be established in accordance with this section upon certification by the city auditor, town accountant, or other officer having similar duties, that the revenue source was not used in computing the most recent tax levy."

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:

Charlie ~~Pauten~~ Pauten

[redacted]

Raise, appropriate or transfer *MAJORITY* BORROW *TWO-THIRDS*

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

Ayes have it.

ARTICLE NINETEEN:

[redacted]

I move that we dismiss this. ~~Have to pass over~~

Fenna Lee.

TWO THIRDS

Proponent	Selectboard	Finance Committee	Motion	Aye	Nay

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CHAPTER 171. CALL FIRE FIGHTERS--PENSION RIGHTS

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENSION RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CALL FIRE FIGHTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1 .

Subdivision (2) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:--

(b 1/2) In any city, town, or fire district, which accepts the provisions of this paragraph, service as a permanent-intermittent or call firefighter shall be credited as full-time service as provided in paragraph (b), except that credit for such service shall not be conditioned upon the appointment of said permanent-intermittent or call firefighter as a permanent member of the fire department. This paragraph shall take effect in a city by vote of the city council in accordance with its city charter, in a town which maintains a separate contributory retirement system by vote of the town meeting, in a town whose eligible members are members of the county retirement system of the county wherein such town lies by vote of the town meeting, in a district which maintains a separate contributory retirement system by vote of the district meeting, and in a district the eligible employees of which are members of a county retirement system by vote of the district meeting.

SECTION 2 .

Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 85H the following section:--

Section 85H 1/2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section eighty-five H or any other general or special law to the contrary, in any city, town or fire district which accepts the provisions of this section and in which there are no permanent members of a police or fire department, as the case may be, the selectmen of such town or the prudential committee of such fire district may retire from active service any call firefighter or any member of a volunteer fire company or reserve, special or intermittent police officer who becomes permanently mentally or physically disabled by injuries sustained, through no fault of his own, during the actual performance of duty as such firefighter or police officer. A person so retired shall receive an annual pension equal to two-thirds of the average annual salary of a first-year, regular, firefighter or police officer in the local area; such average to be determined by a survey of three surrounding towns, as determined by the public employee retirement administration. Whenever a call firefighter or member of a volunteer fire company in a town whose service as such had been approved by the prudential committee of the fire district or by the board of selectmen of such town, or a reserve, special or intermittent police officer of a town or a reserve police officer or reserve or call firefighter of a city is disabled because of injury or incapacity sustained in the performance of duty, through no fault of his own, and is thereby unable to perform the usual duties of his occupation at the time such injury or incapacity was incurred, such police officer or firefighter shall receive from the city or town, for the period of such injury or incapacity, a minimum annual allowance equal to the average annual salary of a first-year, regular firefighter or police officer in the local area, such average to be determined by a survey of three surrounding towns, as determined by the public employee retirement administration; provided, however, that no such compensation shall be payable for any period after such police officer or firefighter has been retired or pensioned or for any period after a physician designated by the board or officer authorized to appoint police officers or firefighters in such city or town determines that such incapacity no longer exists.

SECTION 3 .

Section 101 of said chapter 32, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "three" and inserting in place thereof the word:-- six.

Approved October 19, 1995.

C. 40 Sec. 14. Purchase or Taking of Land; Procedure; Purchase Price; "Municipal Purpose" Defined.

The aldermen of any city, except Boston, or the selectmen of a town may purchase, or take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine, any land, easement or right therein within the city or town not already appropriated to public use, for any municipal purpose for which the purchase or taking of land, easement or right therein is not otherwise authorized or directed by statute; but no land, easement or right therein shall be taken or purchased under this section unless the taking or purchase thereof has previously been authorized by the city council or by vote of the town, nor until an appropriation of money, to be raised by loan or otherwise, has been made for the purpose by a two thirds vote of the city council or by a two thirds vote of the town, and no lot of land shall be purchased for any municipal purpose by any city subject to this section for a price more than twenty-five per cent in excess of its average assessed valuation during the previous three years.

The words "municipal purpose", as used in this section, shall include any such land, easement or right therein within the city or town, so purchased or taken by eminent domain for the purpose of conveying or granting the same to the commonwealth for the use of a regional community college.

History--

1848, 237, Sec. 1; 1851, 186; 1855, 318; GS 38, Sec. 38; 1869, 411, Sec. 1; 1874, 342; PS 27, Sec. 43; PS 44, Sec. 49; 1894, 145; 1897, 299, Secs. 1, 4; 1899, 379, Secs. 1, 4; 1900, 437; RL 25, Secs. 45, 47; 1915, 143; 1915, 263; 1918, 291, Secs. 6, 8; 1921, 486, Sec. 7; 1923, 266; 1925, 272; 1933, 283, Sec. 1; 1967, 59, Sec. 3.

C. 40 Sec. 4. Authority for Cities and Towns to Make Contracts.

A city or town may make contracts for the exercise of its corporate powers, on such terms and conditions as are authorized by the town meeting in a town, the town council in a town without a town meeting, the city council in a city with the approval of the mayor or the city council in a Plan D or Plan E city with the approval of the manager, or as otherwise authorized in accordance with a duly adopted charter. A city or town may not contract for any purpose, on any terms, or under any conditions inconsistent with any applicable provision of any general or special law.

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TOWNS [AND CITIES] MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY

C. 40 Sec. 5. Authority of Towns to Appropriate Money.

A town may at any town meeting appropriate money for the exercise of any of its corporate powers; provided, however, that a town shall not appropriate or expend money for any purpose, on any terms, or under any conditions inconsistent with any applicable provision of any general or special law.

C. 40 Sec. 5B. Municipal Stabilization Funds.

For the purpose of creating a stabilization fund cities, towns and districts may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding ten per cent of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property or such larger amount as may be approved by the Emergency Finance Board established under section one of chapter forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three. The aggregate amount in the fund at any time shall not exceed ten per cent of the equalized valuation of the city or town as defined in section one of chapter forty-four. Any interest shall be added to and become a part of the fund.

The treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and may deposit the proceeds in national banks or invest the proceeds by deposit in savings banks, co-operative banks or trust companies organized under the laws of the commonwealth, or invest the same in such securities as are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the commonwealth or in federal savings and loan associations situated in the commonwealth.

The stabilization fund may be appropriated in a town, at an annual town meeting by a two-thirds vote or at a special town meeting by a two-thirds vote; in a district, at an annual district meeting by a two-thirds vote or at a special district meeting by a two-thirds vote; and in a city, by a two-thirds vote of the city council. Said fund may be appropriated for any purpose for which the town, district or city would be authorized to borrow money under section seven or eight of chapter forty-four or for any other lawful purpose. Said board, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise conferred or imposed upon it, is authorized to perform the further duties imposed by this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the stabilization fund may be appropriated for an approved school project by a two-thirds vote at a special town meeting, as provided by section nine of chapter six hundred and forth-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

The members of the board aforesaid when acting under this section shall receive from the commonwealth compensation to the same extent as provided for services under section one of chapter seventy-four of the acts of the current year.

History--

1945, 124; 1957, 215; 1957, 404, Secs. 1, 2; 1962, 463; 1966, 62; 1969, 849, Sec. 29; 1971, 766, Sec. 6; 1985, 94; 1991, 138, Sec. 333, approved July 10, 1991, by Sec. 393, effective July 1, 1991.

C. 44 Sec. 8. Purposes for Which Cities and Towns May Borrow Outside the Debt Limit.

Cities and towns may incur debt, outside the limit of indebtedness prescribed in section ten, for the following purposes and payable within the periods hereinafter specified:

(1) [No change through paragraph (21).] For temporary loans under sections four, six, six A, seventeen and seventeen A, the periods authorized by those sections.

(2) For maintaining, distributing and providing food, other common necessaries of life and temporary shelter for their inhabitants upon the occasions and in the manner set forth in section nineteen of **chapter** forty, two years.

(3) For establishing or purchasing a system for supplying a city, town, or district and its inhabitants with water, for taking or purchasing water sources, either from public land or private sources, or water or flowage rights, for the purpose of a public water supply, or for taking or purchasing land for the protection of a water system, thirty years.

(3A) For conducting groundwater inventory and analysis of the community water supply, including pump tests and quality tests relating to the development of using said groundwater as an additional source or a new source of water supply for any city, town or district, ten years.

(4) For the construction or enlargement of reservoirs, and the construction of filter beds, standpipes, buildings for pumping stations including original pumping station equipment, and buildings for water treatment, including original equipment therefor, and the acquisition of land or any interest in land necessary in connection with any of the foregoing, thirty years.

(4A) For remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to reservoirs and filter beds, such amounts as may be approved by the emergency finance board, thirty years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection, and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(5) For the laying and relaying of water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, and for lining and relining such mains with linings of not less than one-sixteenth of an inch, for the development of additional well fields, for wells and for pumping station equipment, forty years.

(6) For constructing and reconstructing and laying and relaying aqueducts and water mains of sixteen inches or more in diameter, and for lining such mains with linings of not less than one-sixteenth of an inch, forty years.

(7) For the extension of water mains, forty years.

(7A) For the purchase and installation of water meters, ten years.

(7B) For the payment of the town's share of the cost to increase the storage capacity of any reservoir, including land acquisition, constructed by the water resources commission for flood prevention or water resources utilization, twenty years.

(7C) For the purchase, replacement or rehabilitation of water departmental equipment, ten years.

(8) For establishing, purchasing, extending or enlarging a gas or electric lighting plant, or a community antenna television system, whether or not operated by a gas or electric lighting plant, within the limits of the territory within which such gas, electric plant, or community antenna television system is authorized to distribute its products, twenty years; but the outstanding indebtedness so incurred shall not exceed in a town five per cent and in a city two and one half per cent of the equalized valuation of such town or city; provided, however, that the emergency finance board, established under **chapter** forty-nine of the acts of nineteen

hundred and thirty-three, may authorize a city to incur indebtedness under this clause in excess of two and one half per cent but not in excess of five per cent of the equalized valuation of such city, and may authorize a town to incur indebtedness under this clause in excess of five per cent but not in excess of ten per cent of the equalized valuation of such town.

(8A) For remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to a gas or electric lighting plant, or a community antenna television system, when approved by the emergency finance board established under section one of **chapter** forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, for such number of years not exceeding ten, as said board shall fix; provided, however, that the indebtedness incurred hereunder shall be included in the limit of indebtedness for gas and electric lighting plants, or community antenna television systems as set forth in clause (8). Each city or town seeking approval by said board of a loan under this clause shall submit to it all plans and other information considered by the board to be necessary for a determination of the probable extended use of such plant or community television antenna system likely to result from such remodeling, reconstruction or repair, and in considering approval hereunder of a requested loan and the terms thereof, special consideration shall be given to such determination.

(9) For such emergency appropriations as shall be approved by a majority of the members of a board composed of the attorney general, the state treasurer and the director, but not more than two years as determined by the board. As used in this clause, emergency means a sudden, unavoidable event or series of events which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated at the time of submission of the annual budget for approval. Emergency shall not be deemed to include the funding of collective bargaining agreements or such items as were previously disapproved by the appropriating authority for the fiscal year in which such borrowing is sought.

(10) For acquiring land or constructing buildings or other structures, including the cost of original equipment, as memorials to members of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, or air force, twenty years; but the indebtedness so incurred shall not exceed one half of one per cent of the equalized valuation of the city or town.

The designation of any such memorial shall not be changed except after a public hearing by the board of selectmen or by the city council of the municipality wherein said memorial is located, notice of the time and place of which shall be given, at the expense of the proponents, by the town or city clerk as the case may be, by publication not less than thirty days prior thereto in a newspaper, if any, published in such town or city; otherwise, in the county in which such town or city lies; and notice of which shall also have been given by the proponents, by registered mail, not less than thirty days prior to such hearing, to all veterans' organizations of such town or city.

(11) [Deleted.]

(12) For acquiring street railway property under sections one hundred and forty-three to one hundred and fifty-eight, inclusive, of **chapter** one hundred and sixty-one, operating the same, or contributing toward the sums expended or to be expended by a transportation area for capital purposes, ten years; but the indebtedness so incurred shall not exceed two per cent of the equalized valuation of the city or town.

(13) For the acquisition, construction, establishment, enlargement, improvement or protection of public airports, including the acquisition of land, ten years; but the outstanding indebtedness so incurred shall not exceed one per cent of the equalized valuation of the city or town. The proceeds of indebtedness incurred hereunder may be expended for the acquisition, construction, establishment, enlargement, improvement or protection of such an airport, including the acquisition of land, jointly by two or more municipalities.

(14) For the financing of a program of eradication of Dutch elm disease, including all disbursements on account of which reimbursement is authorized or may be authorized by the commonwealth, county, any city or town, or by any manner of assessment or charges, pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of **chapter** one hundred and thirty-two, five years.

(15) For the construction of sewers, sewerage systems, and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, or for the lump-sum payment of the cost of a tie-in to such services in a contiguous city or town, such amounts

and for such periods of time as may be approved by the emergency finance board but not exceeding thirty years.

(16) For the construction of municipal golf courses, including the acquisition of land, the construction of buildings, and the cost of original equipment and furnishings, twenty years.

(17) For the payment of charges incurred under contracts authorized by section four D of **chapter** forty, but only for such contracts as are for purposes comparable to the purposes for which loans may be authorized under the provisions of this section. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be subject to the conditions of the applicable clauses of this section.

(18) For the construction of a regional incinerator for the purpose of disposing solid waste, refuse and garbage by two or more communities, twenty years, but the indebtedness so incurred shall not exceed three per cent of the last preceding equalized valuation of the city or town and shall be subject to the approval of the emergency finance board.

(19) For the lending or granting of money to industrial development financing authorities and economic development and industrial corporations, with the approval of the emergency finance board, the Massachusetts office of business development and the secretary of communities and development. For the purpose of this clause the city or town may borrow outside its debt limit to an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars or two and one half per cent of its equalized valuation, whichever is the lesser.

(20) For the purposes of implementing project financed in whole or in part by the Farmers Home Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the provisions of 7 USC 1921, et seq., with the approval of the Emergency Finance Board, for the portion of the project so financed and for such amounts as so approved, up to forty years. Regional school districts established pursuant to the provisions of any general or special law shall be authorized to incur debt for the purposes and within the limitations described in this clause.

(21) For the cost of cleaning up or preventing pollution caused by existing or closed landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities, including clean up or prevention activities taken pursuant to **chapter** twenty-one E or **chapter** twenty-one H, thirty years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(22) For the construction of incinerators, refuse transfer facilities, recycling facilities, composting facilities, resource recovery facilities or other solid waste disposal facilities, other than landfills, for the purpose of disposing of waste, refuse and garbage, twenty-five years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(23) [No change in balance of section.] For remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to incinerators, refuse transfer facilities, recycling facilities, resource recovery facilities or other solid waste disposal facilities, other than landfills, owned by the city, town or district, and used for the purpose of disposing of waste, refuse and garbage, such amounts as may be approved by the emergency finance board established under section one of **chapter** forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and for such maximum term, not exceeding ten years, as said board shall fix; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(24) For the purpose of closing out a landfill area, opening a new landfill area, or making improvements to an existing landfill area, fifteen years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

Debts, except for temporary loans, may be authorized under this section only by a two thirds vote.

Debts for purposes mentioned in clauses (3), (4), (4A), (5), (6), (7), (7A) and (7B) of this section shall not be authorized to an amount exceeding ten per cent of the equalized valuation of the city or town.

History–

PS 27, Secs. 28, 29; PS 29, Secs. 7, 8; RL 25, Sec. 32; RL 27, Secs. 5, 8, 11; 1870, 93, Secs. 2, 3; 1873, 255; 1875, 209, Secs. 3, 4; 1891, 370, Sec. 4; 1892, 245, Sec. 6; 1894, 182; 1895, 488, Sec. 21; 1903, 375; 1908, 341, Sec. 2; 1913, 719, Secs. 1, 5, 6; 1914, 143, Sec. 3; 1914, 742, Sec. 98; 1915, 115; 1918, 205, Sec. 4; 1919, 61, Sec. 2; 1920, 292, Sec. 2; 1920, 591, Sec. 10; 1920, 599, Sec. 11; 1921, 486, Sec. 11; GL 44, Sec. 7; 1923, 303, Sec. 1; 1926, 45; 1926, 317; 1928, 291; 1938, 172, Sec. 5; 1939, 457; 1941, 83; 1946, 358, Sec. 15; 1947, 298, Secs. 3, 4; 1952, 123, Secs. 1, 2; 1954, 106; 1957, 224; 1957, 431; 1958, 70, Sec. 1; 1958, 383, Secs. 1, 2; 1960, 592, Sec. 6; 1962, 672, Secs. 2, 3; 1963, 82; 1963, 347; 1964, 736, Sec. 1; 1965, 68; 1965, 98; 1966, 60; 1967, 31; 1967, 160, Sec. 2; 1967, 883, Sec. 3; 1968, 23, Secs. 2, 3, 5-7; 1969, 481, Sec. 4; 1969, 635; 1970, 55; 1972, 761; 1973, 922, Secs. 2, 3; 1974, 41; 1978, 119, Sec. 4; 1980, 77; 1981, 181, Secs. 1-8; 1982, 22, Sec. 1; 1983, 578, Sec. 1; 1987, 525, Sec. 58; 1987, 584, Sec. 14; 1989, 365; 1990, 177, Sec. 126, approved, with emergency preamble, Aug 7, 1990; 1992, 286, Sec. 123, approved, with emergency preamble, Dec 23, 1992.

Amended by 1995, 38, Sec. 60, approved June 21, 1995, effective July 1, 1995.

TOWN OF LEVERETT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1995

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM at said Leverett, on **Monday, September 18, 1995, at 8:00 in the evening (8:00 PM)**, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) for work related to the capping of the Town landfill.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($450) for the painting of the MRF recycling container at the Transfer Station.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Four Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars ($4,230) for the Ambulance budget.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) for outside electrical work at the Highway garage complex.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of One Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200) to provide training for an untrained recruit to the Police Department.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Three Dollars ($2,373) for the School portion of Franklin County Retirement Assessment (Account #300-5-911).

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Two Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars ($2,400) as its portion of increased assessments to the Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools for FY96.

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) dollars for the Stabilization Fund.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to approve the vote of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District School Committee adopted on August 31, 1995, amending its vote of February 22, 1994, as amended on August 23, 1994 and on September 13, 1994, authorizing the incurring of debt by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes in the aggregate principal amount of $22,092,000 for the purpose of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the district High School, including cost incidental and related thereto, by deleting the condition therein "that no more than $1,400,000 for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary cost, shall be borrowed or expended under this vote until the project has been approved by the Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of the approved costs."

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to accept the condition of a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 310 CMR 14.00 that requires that all monies, repaid to the Town as betterment assessments pursuant to M.G.L.c. 80, M.G.L.c.111, s.1271B1/2 and 310 CMR 14.00 for the repair and replacement of failed on-site sewage disposal systems, be reappropriated for similar purposes, or the Town shall be required to repay all such monies to the Commonwealth.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2. Monies collected from the sale of plants, and donations will be credited to the Historical Commission Revolving Fund and expended by the Commission without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining Town gardens and landscaping Town property. Total amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of September, A.D. 1995.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: Sept - 1-95 Constable Carlyle T. Fadell

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Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed ~~Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000)~~ dollars for the Stabilization Fund. $30,700 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of September, A.D. 1995.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: Sept - 1-95 Constable Carlyle F. Fales

TOWN OF LEVERETT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1995
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:25pm by Moderator Richard Howland, who announced that a quorum was finally present. Mr. Howland stated that the warrant was properly served and was in order. He reminded non-registered voters of their responsibility to refrain from voting on voice votes.

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) for work related to the capping of the Town landfill.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) for work related to the capping of the Town landfill.
Motion was seconded, and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($450) for the painting of the MRF recycling container at the Transfer Station.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($450) for the painting of the MRF recycling container at the Transfer Station.
Motion was seconded, and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Four Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars ($4,230) for the Ambulance budget.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional Four Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars ($4,230) for the Ambulance budget.
Motion was seconded, and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) for outside electrical work at the Highway garage complex.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Seven Hundred Dollars ($700) for outside electrical work at the Highway garage complex.
Motion was seconded, and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of One Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200) to provide training for an untrained recruit to the Police Department.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of One Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200) to provide training for an untrained recruit to the Police Department.
Motion was seconded, and not recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Three Dollars ($2,373) for the School portion of Franklin County Retirement Assessment (Account #300-5-911).

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Three Dollars ($2,373) for the School portion of Franklin County Retirement Assessment (Account #300-5-911).
Motion was seconded, and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Two Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars ($2,400) as its portion of increased assessments to the Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools for FY96.

Alice Rarig: I move to pass over Article Seven.
Motion seconded. Article was passed over.

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) dollars for the Stabilization Fund.

Donald Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Thirty Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars ($30,700) dollars for the Stabilization Fund.
Motion was seconded, highly recommended by Finance Committee, and recommended by Capital Planning Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to approve the vote of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District School Committee adopted on August 31, 1995, amending its vote of February 22, 1994, as amended on August 23, 1994 and on September 13, 1994, authorizing the incurring of debt by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes in the aggregate principal amount of $22,092,000 for the purpose of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the district High School, including cost incidental and related thereto, by deleting the condition therein "that no more than $1,400,000 for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary cost, shall be borrowed or expended under this vote until the project has been approved by the Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of the approved costs."

Peter May moved the article as read from the warrant by the Moderator. Motion was seconded and recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee.
The moderator called for a voice vote and declared a clear majority. For official purposes, a hand count was taken, with the following results.
Yes - 52; No - 10.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to accept the condition of a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 310 CMR 14.00 that requires that all monies, repaid to the Town as betterment assessments pursuant to M.G.L.c. 80, M.G.L.c.111, s.1271B1/2 and 310 CMR 14.00 for the repair and replacement of failed on-site sewage disposal systems, be reappropriated for similar purposes, or the Town shall be required to repay all such monies to the Commonwealth.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to accept the condition of a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 310 CMR 14.00 that requires that all monies, repaid to the Town as betterment assessments pursuant to M.G.L.c. 80, M.G.L.c.111, s.1271B1/2 and 310 CMR 14.00 for the repair and replacement of failed on-site sewage disposal systems, be reappropriated for similar purposes, or the Town shall be required to repay all such monies to the Commonwealth.

Motion was seconded and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was seconded, and recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. At 9:30pm the meeting was adjourned

Minutes recorded and certified by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk.

AMHERST-PELHAM Regional SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
170 CHESTNUT STREET
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS 01002

September 11, 1995

TO: LEVERETT TOWN MEETING

FROM: Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee

RE: Requested Approval to Begin Construction on the High School Project

We are requesting at this time approval by the Leverett Town Meeting of amended language that would permit, if approved by all four regional towns, construction of the high school renovation/construction project to begin in June, 1995.

Our high school project has now been ranked by the Department of Education, and this ranking has been accepted by the State Board of Education. We were not funded for FY96, and of 90 projects on the list for FY97 ours is 59th. If the State continues to fund school construction at the same level as for FY96 and recent years, the funds disbursement authorization for our project would be approved in FY99 for receipt in FY2000.

To begin construction prior to the State's release of funds, we would need "bridge" funding for another three years. A number of communities in Massachusetts are pursuing this course in an effort to reduce the period of overcrowded conditions in their schools and minimize the possibility of greater costs caused by inflation and other factors. The projected cost of this "bridge" funding is $1.1 million dollars to the four regional towns - or $ 94,504 for Leverett - spread over 18-20 years. Our original funding plan in 1993 assumed temporary debt of $1.4 million dollars over three years with the balance in permanent debt over 17 years. The projected new plan calls for temporary debt of the full $22,092,000 over four years, which would then be rolled over into permanent debt over another 18-20 years- thus the higher costs of financing. However, these costs need to be compared with the projected costs of <u>not</u> proceeding with construction next June as outlined in Superintendent Sayer's memorandum enclosed with this packet.

We urge your support for this warrant article and appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request.

AMHERST-PELHAM Regional SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: LEVERETT TOWN MEETING September 11, 1995

FROM: Gus A. Sayer, Superintendent

RE: Projected Costs of Delaying the High School Project

Delay of the high school project beyond its projected construction start of June, 1996 has both financial and educational implications. The project will take 27 months to complete but both the junior and senior high schools will be at or over capacity in the 1996-97 school year. The project has already been approved by the four regional towns in the amount of $22,092,000 plus the cost of financing this debt.

The most significant cost of delay would be the educational costs to students themselves. With overcrowded classrooms and undersized support facilities (library, gym, lunchroom, computer labs) the quality of education services to students will necessarily deteriorate over the next few years. Meanwhile, many students will not have the opportunity to benefit from better educational facilities - for example updated technology access throughout the school, computer labs, a foreign language lab, an expanded library and physical education facilities, and a new technology education wing.

We have also been advised we should anticipate a 3% annual increase in construction costs. This translates into the following:

Delay 1 year	- + $525,000 (3% of $17,500,000)
Delay 2 years	- + $540,750
Delay 3 years	- + $556,972
3 year total	+ $1,622,722

Either the project's cost would therefore increase or there would be reductions in the purchasing power of the funds allocated for the project.

Another cost of delay would be the funds needed for modular classrooms to provide instructional space during this period. For a three year delay, this would be about $200,000 - a few modular classrooms will be needed for the first year of construction as some classrooms will be lost during this work.

PROJECTED DEBT SCHEDULE PER 6/96 CONSTRUCTION START

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEBT SCHEDULE (estimate)

A. Temporary Financing (BAN's).

MEMBER TOWN with Equalized Valuation Percentage:

	3 Year	To Stabilization	Principal	Interest 4.50%	Annual Debt Service	State Aid 67.00%	Net Debt Service	EQV Year: 1992 77.32% Amherst	6.44% Pelham	8.40% Leverett	7.84% Shutesbury	100.00%
	96	$0	$28,400	$64,677	$93,077	—	—	$71,967	$5,994	$7,818	$7,297	
	97	679,000	0	121,988	800,988	—	—	619,324	51,584	67,283	62,797	
**	98	100,000	76,200	623,767	799,967	—	—	618,534	51,518	67,197	62,717	
**	99	* (410,000)	40,485	* 761,043	801,528	—	—	619,741	51,618	67,328	62,840	
	00	(369,000)		405	405	—	—	313	26	34	32	
		$0	$145,085	$1,571,880	$2,495,965	$0	$0	$1,929,880	$160,740	$209,661	$195,684	

NOTE:
1. Total Debt: $ 22,092,000 (Per Town voted Debt Exclusions). DOE 20 Year Project.
2. Temporary financing requires a principal payment in the third year.
3. A request would be made for SBAB Reimbursement over 18 years (Length of permanent note).
   ALSO: Submit Special Legislation to exempt first 2 years of Temp. Debt counting against 20 year authorization.
4. Plan based on 6/96 Construction Start Date.
5. Total BAN Interest has been reduced by application of Stabilization Revenue (See *).
6. Permanent Debt Interest projected at 5.5% (Actual may range 5 to 6.5% estimate). SBAB application reflected 6.5%.

NOTE: This schedule assumes that SBAB will agree to a reimbursement schedule equal to the length of the permanent debt (18 years) as opposed to the 20 years per the authorization.

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEBT SCHEDULE (estimate)

B. Eighteen Year Bond Issue (20 years = 2 years temporary + 18 years permanent)

MEMBER TOWN with Equalized Valuation Percentage:

	** 18 Year	Principal Outstanding	Principal	Interest 5.50%	Annual Debt Service	State Aid 67.00%	Net Debt Service	EQV Year: 1992 77.32% Amherst	6.44% Pelham	8.40% Leverett	7.84% Shutesbury	100.00%
99	1	$21,946,915	$1,219,273	$1,207,080	$2,426,353	1,336,655	1,089,698	$842,555	$70,177	$91,535	$85,432	
00	2	20,727,642	1,219,273	1,140,020	2,359,293	1,336,655	1,022,638	790,704	65,858	85,902	80,175	
01	3	19,508,369	1,219,273	1,072,960	2,292,233	1,336,655	955,578	738,853	61,539	80,269	74,917	
02	4	18,289,096	1,219,273	1,005,900	2,225,173	1,336,655	888,518	687,002	57,221	74,636	69,660	
03	5	17,069,823	1,219,273	938,840	2,158,113	1,336,655	821,458	635,151	52,902	69,002	64,402	
04	6	15,850,550	1,219,273	871,780	2,091,053	1,336,655	754,398	583,301	48,583	63,369	59,145	
05	7	14,631,277	1,219,273	804,720	2,023,993	1,336,655	687,338	531,450	44,265	57,736	53,887	
06	8	13,412,003	1,219,273	737,660	1,956,933	1,336,655	620,278	479,599	39,946	52,103	48,630	
07	9	12,192,730	1,219,273	670,600	1,889,873	1,336,655	553,218	427,748	35,627	46,470	43,372	
08	10	10,973,457	1,219,273	603,540	1,822,813	1,336,655	486,158	375,897	31,309	40,837	38,115	
09	11	9,754,184	1,219,273	536,480	1,755,753	1,336,655	419,098	324,046	26,990	35,204	32,857	
10	12	8,534,911	1,219,273	469,420	1,688,693	1,336,655	352,038	272,196	22,671	29,571	27,600	
11	13	7,315,638	1,219,273	402,360	1,621,633	1,336,655	284,978	220,345	18,353	23,938	22,342	
12	14	6,096,365	1,219,273	335,300	1,554,573	1,336,655	217,918	168,494	14,034	18,305	17,085	
13	15	4,877,092	1,219,273	268,240	1,487,513	1,336,655	150,858	116,643	9,715	12,672	11,827	
14	16	3,657,819	1,219,273	201,180	1,420,453	1,336,655	83,798	64,792	5,397	7,039	6,570	
15	17	2,438,546	1,219,273	134,120	1,353,393	1,336,655	16,738	12,942	1,078	1,406	1,312	
16	18	1,219,273	1,219,273	67,060	1,286,333	1,336,655	(50,322)	(38,909)	(3,241)	(4,227)	(3,945)	
		TOTAL B.	$21,946,915	$11,467,263	$33,414,178	$24,059,796	$9,354,382	$7,232,808	$602,422	$785,768	$733,384	
17	19					0						
18	20					0						
		TOTAL A.	145,085	2,350,880	2,495,965	0	2,495,965	1,929,880	160,740	209,661	195,684	
			$22,092,000	$13,818,143	$35,910,143	$24,059,796	$11,850,347	$9,162,688	$763,162	$995,429	$929,067	
								25.52%	2.13%	2.77%	2.59%	33.00%

September 11, 1995
(Revised for FY96 rate 9/13/95)

Projected Impact of High School Project
on Leverett Tax Rate

	Bridge + 18 Years Assessment & Tax Rate (100,000)		Bridge + 20 Years Assessment & Tax Rate (100,000)	
	(Dollars)	Cents	(Dollars)	(Cents)
FY96	7,818	7.40	7,818	7.40
FY97	67,283	63.65	67,283	63.65
FY98	67,197	63.57	67,197	63.57
FY99	67,328	63.69	67,328	63.69
2000	91,569	86.62	102,797	97.25
2001	85,902	81.26	97,129	91.88
2002	80,269	75.93	91,496	86.56
2003	74,636	70.61	85,863	81.23
2004	69,002	65.28	80,230	75.90
2005	63,369	59.95	74,597	70.57
2006	57,736	54.62	68,964	65.24
2007	52,103	49.29	63,331	59.91
2008	46,470	43.96	57,698	54.58
2009	40,837	38.63	52,065	49.25
2010	35,204	33.30	46,432	43.92
2011	29,571	27.97	40,799	38.60
2012	23,938	22.65	35,166	32.27
2013	18,305	17.32	29,533	27.94
2014	12,672	11.99	23,900	22.61
2015	7,039	6.66	18,267	17.28
2016	1,406	.99	12,634	11.95
2017	(4,227)	- 4.00	7,001	6.62
2018			- 101,051	- 95.59
			- 101,051	- 95.59

AMHERST B

VOL. 27, NO. 35 SEPTEMBER 8, 1995

Should high school project start before state money is available?

By NANCY NEWCOMBE
Staff Writer

The $22 million renovation and expansion project at Amherst Regional High School has ground to a halt. Originally, school officials had hoped to begin work next June, with the state picking up two-thirds of the cost.

However, an unusually large number of school construction work was approved by the state this spring. As a result, ARHS is 59th on a list of 90 approved projects.

This probably means a delay of three years before the state releases the money. The big question is whether there is a faster way of getting started. And that depends on a lot of smaller questions.

Q. Is there a way to start the work now, without losing state assistance?

A. Fall Town Meetings in the four towns in the school district — Amherst, Pelham, Leverett and Shutesbury — are going to be asked if they're willing to borrow the whole amount now and wait three years for the state to start picking up the bills.

Q. Is there any danger the state money won't come through?

A. State and school officials say this has never happened in the four decades that the state has been paying for the construction.

Q. What if the state takes longer than three years?

A. A funding delay of even one more year would be very expensive, costing the four towns a total of more than $1 million. This is in addition to the estimated borrowing cost of about $1.4 million for the initial three-year period.

Q. What's the rush to get started?

A. School officials cite overcrowding at both the junior and senior high schools, which is expected to get worse. (When the high school building is enlarged, ninth grade will be based there, instead of the junior high building on Chestnut Street.)

There is also the problem of inflation. At the end of 1994, a dollar bought about 3 percent less than it did at the end of 1993. If inflation continues at its current rate, that would cut the equivalent of $1.6 million out of the approved spending.

Q. Town Meetings in all four towns have already approved the borrowing. Why is it necessary to go back to them for this?

A. In all four towns, Town Meeting said the project couldn't start until the state gives an iron-clad guarantee that it will pay two-thirds of the bills. And this document doesn't get signed until the state releases its share of the money.

Q. What happens if the town meetings vote against the borrowing?

A. It won't mean the project isn't approved any more. It just means a delay.

Q. What happens if one or two of the towns say no?

A. All four have to approve the borrowing, or it can't happen.

Q. Isn't it possible to rent temporary, portable classroom space until the state money is in hand?

A. Yes. But School Superintendent Gus Sayer says this would cost about $193,000. And, he adds, it doesn't resolve space problems in the library, cafeteria, and other non-classroom spaces.

Q. When the project was approved last year, voters in all four towns went to the polls. How come just Shutesbury voters have to repeat this step?

A. Because of the way the ballot question was phrased in that town. The Shutesbury ballot was the only one to include the same requirement for a state guarantee, the way the town meetings did.

TOWN OF LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

I, the undersigned, Town Clerk of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts (the "Town") hereby certify that notice of the vote of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Committee (the "Committee") on November 28, 1995, amending the vote of the Committee most recently amended on September 13, 1994, so as to delete the condition therein "that no more than $1,400,000 for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary costs, shall be borrowed or expended under this vote until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65 % of the approved costs," was given to the Board of Selectmen of the Town, and I further certify that no Town meeting has been called or held in the Town under the provisions of Section 16(d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, for the purpose of expressing approval or disapproval of such amendment.

Dated: February 12, 1996 Judith S. Batty

Town Clerk

(TOWN CLERK)

TOWN OF LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 29, 1995

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 29th day of April next, at 9:30 in the forenoon (9:30 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town bylaws.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.
Budget of $2,303,493 was passed unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the Town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways, purchase of a backhoe, or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ~~or transfer from Free Cash~~ a sum ~~not to exceed~~ $25,000 into the Reserve Account.
Sponsors: Selectboard, Finance Committee
CARRIED

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ~~or take from available funds~~ a sum of $1,500 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.
Sponsors: Selectboard, Conservation Commission
CARRIED

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, ~~borrow or take from available funds~~ a sum of $15,000 to be used for engineering services for Landfill Closure.
Sponsor: Selectboard
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ~~or take from available funds~~ a sum of $1900 to pay the remaining costs of the photocopy machine in the Town Hall.
Sponsor: Selectboard
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ~~or take from available funds~~ a sum of $820 to purchase a communications radio for the highway department pickup truck.
Sponsor: Selectboard
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $30,000 to be put into the Stabilization Account.
Sponsors: Selectboard, Capital Planning Committee
PASSED OVER

Whereas, if any radioactive waste "disposal facility" were established within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it would be required to accept radioactive waste from producers outside of as well as within the Commonwealth,

1. Now therefore, be it resolved and voted by the Town of Leverett that we are opposed to the siting of any radioactive waste disposal facility in the Town of Leverett.

2. Be it further resolved that the Massachusetts Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board be notified that they should not proceed with the siting of a radioactive waste "disposal facility" in the Commonwealth at this time, but instead:

a. Make source reduction, volume reduction and elimination of radioactive wastes their primary management method, by writing, adopting and enforcing a detailed and aggressive plan for source reduction and elimination;

b. Make plans to reclassify and separate radioactive wastes by toxicity, intensity and duration;

c. Hold producers of radioactive wastes responsible for all present and future costs of the management, transportation, monitoring, storage and long-term environmental and health effects of radioactive waste; and

d. Join with other states in a regional compact to provide less costly, more efficient and safer solutions to storing and monitoring low level radioactive waste than can be accomplished by states individually.

3. Be it further resolved that our Representatives in the Legislatures of the Commonwealth be notified that citizens from any community which has been targeted to "host" a radioactive waste facility, and adjacent communities also, must have the authority to vote to approve or reject the siting of such a facility, and

4. Be it resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to call upon President Clinton, at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500, to establish an independent commission to publicly and comprehensively review our national radioactive waste policy and policies affecting the production of radioactive wastes.

Sponsor: Selectboard

CARRIED

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of March, 1995.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

A true copy I attest:

Donald L. Gibavic

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Alice J. Rarig

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Sponsors: Selectboard, Finance Committee

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Sponsors: Selectboard, Conservation Commission

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Sponsor: Selectboard

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Sponsors: Selectboard, Capital Planning Committee

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Sponsor: Citizen's petition

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Sponsor: Selectboard

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of March, 1995.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

A true copy I attest:

Donald L. Gibavic

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

MINUTES
TOWN OF LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 29, 1995

The meeting was convened by Moderator Richard Howland at 9:43 am, a quorum being present. Mr. Howland asked the meeting to rise and observe a moment of silence to reflect on the responsibilities of democracy.

There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded and passed unanimously.

Before proceeding to Article One, the election of officers, Mr. Howland invited State Representative Steve Kulik to say a few words.

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town bylaws.

The following officers were elected by one unanimous vote cast by the Town Clerk:
Assessor, 3 year term: Donald Robinson
Assistant Moderator, 1 year term: Gary Gruber
Auditor, 1 year term: Steve Nagy
Library Trustee, 3 year term: Judy Batty and Elaine Barker
Constable, 3 year term: Carl Field
Finance Committee, 3 year term: John Jenkins, Edith Field
Planning Board, 5 year term: Jenny Daniell
School Committee, 3 year terms: Sunny Caldwell, Karen Rubin
School Committee, 1 year term: Bob Stachowiak
Selectboard, 3 year term: Fenna Lee Bonsignore
Tree Warden, 1 year term: Will Stratford

The following office was elected by one unanimous vote cast by the Chair of the Selectboard:
Town Clerk, 3 year term: D'Ann Kelty

The following offices were elected by secret ballot:
Board of Health, 2 seats for 3 years:
nominees were David Pozar, Glen Ayers, Matt Corcoran
results were: Pozar - 58; Ayers - 60; Corcoran - 59;
Glen Ayers and Matt Corcoran were declared the winners

The following office was elected by one unanimous vote cast by the Town Clerk:
Board of Health, 1 year term: David Pozar

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

The budget lines for salaries and expenses were read; one line was held for further discussion. The Regional School assessment line was held, and lowered from $628,444 to $623,136 by Charlie Paulin, School Committee Chair. Some technical questions about line item entries on the long and short forms of the budget were answered.

A final FY96 budget of $2,303,493 was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Paulin recognized the departing Assistant Superintendent of Union 28, Martin Leggott who will be leaving his post at the end of June.

Article Three: To see if the Town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways, purchase of a backhoe, or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways, purchase of a backhoe, or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.
Seconded. Unofficially supported by the Finance Committee members present. Capital Planning Committee felt that the purchase of a backhoe with this money should not obligate the Town for future replacement of this item.
Passed unanimously.

At this time a brief report was given by Klaus Kroner on the work of the Public Safety Building Study Committee, which looked into the possibility of expanding the current facilities for Police, Fire and Highway Departments.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed $25,000 into the Reserve Account.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $25,000 into the Reserve Account.
Seconded. Motion carried.

At this time, a report was given by John Foster of the Landfill Closure Committee, on progress of the project.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of $1,500 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,500 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.
Seconded. Finance Committee gave unofficial support.
Motion carried.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or take from available funds a sum of $15,000 to be used for engineering services for Landfill Closure.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $15,000 to be used for engineering services for Landfill Closure.
Seconded. Finance Committee gave unofficial support.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Second. Finance Committee gave unofficial support.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Don Gibavic: I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $820 to purchase a communications radio for the highway department pickup truck.
Second. No recommendation from the Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $30,000 to be put into the Stabilization Account.

Don Gibavic: I move to pass over Article 9. Seconded. Carried.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash a sum of money equal to the amount received for the sale of the 1967 Chevrolet fire truck to be used to purchase equipment for use with the new mini-pumper.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash $1828.80, a sum equal to the amount received for the sale of the 1967 Chevrolet fire truck, to be used to purchase equipment for use with the new mini-pumper.
Second. No recommendation from Finance Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Kahn asked for permission to present Article 12 prior to presenting Article 11. No objections were raised.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following to Section 2234 thereof after the line beginning "Other retail stores and services": "Small scale environmentally sensitive craft production and manufacturing, consistent with neighborhood character N N SP* SP*"

Ken Kahn: I move that the Town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following to Section 2234 thereof after the line beginning "Other retail stores and services": "Small scale environmentally sensitive craft production , consistent with neighborhood character N N SP* SP*".
Seconded. Vote taken (2/3 vote required): Yes: 60; No: 14. Motion carried.

At this time, the Moderator announced that the assembly would recess for 45 minutes for lunch, and that during the lunch break, Peter May, of the High School Building Committee, would be available to explain the diagrams and to answer questions about the project.

At 12:45pm the Annual Town Meeting reconvened.

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Ken Kahn: I move Article 11 as printed in the warrant and read by the Moderator. Second. After discussion, a vote was taken: Yes: 14; No: 34. Motion was defeated.

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Second. Finance Committee gave unofficial recommendation.
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Peter May: I move that the Town vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts* to read "the last Saturday in March at 9:00am," instead of "the last Saturday in April at 9:30am."
Seconded. After some discussion, Mr. May and the seconder allowed a friendly amendment to read "the last Saturday in March or the first Saturday in April which is not a holiday weekend at 9:00am."
Finance Committee had not considered this article.
Vote: Yes - 39, No - 7. Motion carried.

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Alice Rarig: I move Article Sixteen as printed in the warrant. Seconded. Motion carried.

Clifford Fonsh moved that the Selectboard send a letter to the Mayor and the people of Oklahoma City expressing the Town's condolences on their recent tragedy and condemning the use of political violence and terrorism. Motion was seconded and passed.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore expressed thanks on behalf of the selectboard to the following chairs and committees:
Fred Bashour, Cable TV Committee
Klaus Kroner, Building Committee
John Foster, Landfill Closure Committee
Ken Kahn, Planning Board
Peter May, Regional School Building Committee
Richard Howland, Town Counsel

Mary Jo Korfhage Poret asked a question concerning the training and hiring of police officers. The Moderator ruled the question out of order at this meeting and suggested Ms. Poret come to a selectboard meeting to discuss her questions.

There was a motion to adjourn at 2:00pm. Motion was seconded and carried.

Minutes recorded by Town Clerk, D'Ann Sauer Kelty

PROPOSED FY 96 EXPENDITURES

ARTICLE #	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	RAISE/APPROPRIATE	FREE CASH
2	Operating Budget	2,308,801.00	2,308,801.00	
4	Fy 96 Reserve Account	25,000.00	25,000.00	
5	Land Acquisition	1,500.00	1,500.00	
6	Landfill Closure	15,000.00	15,000.00	
7	Photocopier	1,900.00	1,900.00	
8	Highway Radio	820.00	820.00	
9	Stabilization*	30,000.00		
10	Fire Equipment	1,828.80		1,828.80
	TOTAL	2,384,849.80	2,353,021.00	1,828.80

* It is uncertain how much can be put into Stabilization at this time. It depends on the amount of local aid we receive from the state.

Summary of Expenditures and Revenue

Amount to be Raised

1. Operating Budget		2,308,801.00	
2. Raise & Appropriate Articles		19,220.00	
3. Other Amounts to be Raised			
Offsets		3,053.00	
State/County CS Charges		31,914.00	
Overlay		25,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		2,387,988.00	

Estimated Receipts

Cherry Sheet			
1. Chap. 70 School Aid		118,939.00	
School Lunch Offset		1,129.00	
Subtotal School			120,068.00
2. General Government			
Lottery (old)	94,015.00		
Lottery (new)			
Chap. 81 Highway	33,702.00		
Exemptions	4,438.00		
State Land	1,093.00		
Library Offset	1,924.00		
Subtotal Gen Gov			135,172.00
Total Local Aid			255,240.00
Local Receipts			183,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			438,240.00

Summary

Total Amount to be Raised	2,387,988.00
Total Receipts	438,240.00
Difference	1,949,748.00
Levy Limit	1,993,105.00
Difference	43,357.00

23-Apr-95

Fy 96 BUDGET

Fy 96 LEVY LIMIT CALCULATION

Fy 95 Levy Base	1,789,279.00	
0.025	44,732.00	
New Growth (est.)	27,340.00	
Subtotal		1,861,351.00
Override		
Debt Exclusion	131,754.00	
Capital Exclusion		
Fy 96 Levy Limit		1,993,105.00

OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS

Free Cash	118,461.00
Stabilization	149,629.00
Highway Ch. 90	120,536.00
TOTAL	388,626.00

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET COMPARISON/SUMMARY

AREA	FY 95 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY 96 BUDGET
1000 ADMINISTRATION		
Leverett Elementary	1,910	1,906
Share of Union #28	57,277	57,659
Subtotal	59,187	59,565
2000 INSTRUCTION		
Salaries:		
Principal	50,005	52,020
Clerical	15,574	16,569
Teachers	449,749	484,574
Aides	50,202	46,045
Library	10,645	17,081
Nurse,Doctor, Psychologist	33,465	33,237
Collective Bargaining Contingency	4,048	0
Substitutes	5,400	5,400
Sped Contracted Services	17,000	17,750
Instructional Supplies	14,100	16,800
Textbooks	3,000	3,000
Other	13,532	17,112
Share of Union #28	536	520
Subtotal	667,256	710,108
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
General Health Services	12,278	12,325
Sped Transportation	8,350	0
Food Service	2,000	0
Subtotal	22,618	12,325
4000 PLANT OPERATION/MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salaries	41,130	43,365
Custodial Supplies	4,000	4,000
Fuel	11,000	11,000
Power	21,775	21,775
Telephone	2,200	2,200
Building Maintenance	15,500	14,450
Ground, Equipment, Other Maintenance	9,475	15,925
Share of Union #28	1,356	1,344
Subtotal	106,437	114,060
5000 FIXED CHARGES		
Insurance	2,600	2,600
Share of Union #28	1,216	1,239
Subtotal	3,816	3,839
7000 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT		
Acquisition of Equipment	2,600	13,500
Share of Union #28	3,215	651
Subtotal	5,815	14,151
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Sped Tuition	15,500	0
Subtotal	15,500	0
TOTAL	880,629	914,048

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FY 96
PROPOSED BUDGET

REVISED
APRIL 4, 1995

BUDGET REPORT OF ERVING SCHOOL UNION #28 for FISCAL YEAR 1996 PAGE 1
LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APRIL 4, 1995

account number	account title	1994 adjusted	1994 expended	1995 adjusted	1996 proposed	difference curr/prop
FUND SOURCE: LEVERETT LOCAL A L02						
FUNCTION: SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1						
L02 LVE/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL	1000	385	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-62	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSES	250	278	250	250	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-60	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	129	600	600	0
L02 LVE/1209-000-69	CENSUS	55	50	55	55	0
L02 U28/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-UNION	129	803	134	130	-4
L02 U28/1109-000-42	FINANCIAL AUDIT-GRANTS	514	436	536	520	-16
L02 U28/1109-000-60	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IMPRVMT DUES	463	455	482	468	-14
L02 U28/1209-000-10	SUPT'S SALARY	18031	18030	19171	19086	-85
L02 U28/1209-000-11	ASST SUPT'S SALARY	12201	12201	12974	12916	-58
L02 U28/1209-000-20	SECRETARY'S SALARY	6613	6663	7305	7274	-31
L02 U28/1209-000-21	FINANCIAL ASSISTANT'S SALARY	10826	10851	7696	7880	184
L02 U28/1209-000-22	BOOKKEEPER'S SALARY	0	0	4299	4319	20
L02 U28/1209-000-40	MACHINE RENTAL CONTRACT	58	54	60	65	5
L02 U28/1209-000-41	MACHINE MAINTENANCE	463	474	455	598	143
L02 U28/1209-000-42	COMPUTER CONTRACTED SERVICES	514	514	616	598	-18
L02 U28/1209-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	617	578	356	624	268
L02 U28/1209-000-51	POSTAGE	745	745	857	911	54
L02 U28/1209-000-52	PRINTING EXPENSE	129	97	134	130	-4
L02 U28/1209-000-53	CLASSIFIED ADS	308	388	429	416	-13
L02 U28/1209-000-62	SUPT'S CONFERENCE	411	100	509	494	-15
L02 U28/1209-000-63	PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY	180	161	198	192	-6
L02 U28/1209-000-64	SUPT'S TRAVEL	546	546	570	553	-17
L02 U28/1209-000-66	SUPT'S OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	77	89	0	0	0
L02 U28/1209-000-67	ASST SUPT'S TRAVEL	425	425	443	430	-13
L02 U28/1209-000-69	OFFICE CONFERENCES	13	20	67	65	-2
function sub-total	SCHOOL COMMITTEE >>	55169	54481	59187	59565	378
FUNCTION: INSTRUCTION 2						
L02 LVE/2101-000-61	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	750	249	750	2150	1400
L02 LVE/2101-000-63	PROF LIBRARY (STAFF)	200	0	200	400	200
L02 LVE/2201-000-10	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	44290	44732	50005	52020	2015
L02 LVE/2201-000-20	CLERICAL SALARY	15101	14271	15574	16569	995
L02 LVE/2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	4000	1942	3200	3200	0
L02 LVE/2201-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3400	3339	3400	3400	0
L02 LVE/2201-000-69	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	200	201	200	400	200
L02 LVE/2300-000-10	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINGENCY	0	0	4048	0	-4048
L02 LVE/2301-000-10	TEACHERS' SALARIES	374757	371137	449749	484574	34825
L02 LVE/2301-000-30	TEACHER AIDES SALARY	57235	57866	50202	46045	-4157
L02 LVE/2301-000-40	ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-000-41	SUBSTITUTES SALARY	5000	5716	5400	5400	0
L02 LVE/2301-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	15900	20460	14100	16800	2700
L02 LVE/2301-000-56	SUMMER PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-000-57	AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-00K-50	KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	1200	1191	1200	1800	600
L02 LVE/2302-000-17	NURSE'S SALARY (SPED)	9072	9284	12972	13554	582

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APRIL 4, 1995

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L02 LVE/2302-000-40	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	16500	12125	17000	17750	750
L02 LVE/2302-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (SPED)	500	200	500	0	-500
L02 LVE/2302-000-64	SPECIAL TRAVEL	25	0	25	25	0
L02 LVE/2302-000-90	EARLY C'HOOD SPED TUITION	3056	2866	7	4837	4830
L02 LVE/2309-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	2000	1862	3750	300	-3450
L02 LVE/2401-000-50	TEXTBOOKS	3000	3016	3000	3000	0
L02 LVE/2501-000-10	LIBRARIAN SALARY	5035	5094	4035	6134	2099
L02 LVE/2501-000-30	LIBRARY AIDE SALARY	6145	2751	4410	8547	4137
L02 LVE/2501-000-50	LIBRARY MATERIALS	1000	1147	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2501-000-50	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	1000	451	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2601-000-55	COMPUTER SUPPLIES	0	0	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2902-000-10	PSYCHOLOGIST'S SALARY	16693	15621	19993	19683	-310
L02 U28/2101-000-61	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	161	159	536	520	-16
function sub-total INSTRUCTION >>		536220	576074	667256	710108	42852
FUNCTION: OTHER SCHOOL SER 3						
L02 LVE/3201-000-10	NURSE'S SALARY (REG)	4693	4693	4693	4518	-175
L02 LVE/3201-000-12	NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	6286	6370	6874	6956	82
L02 LVE/3201-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (REG ED)	100	125	100	100	0
L02 LVE/3201-000-50	HEALTH SUPPLIES	350	281	600	750	150
L02 LVE/3302-000-40	SPED TRANSPORTATION	5200	6601	8350	0	-8350
L0[illegible]E/3409-000-69	FOOD SERVICE	4000	0	2000	0	-2000
L02 LVE/3529-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
function sub-total OTHER SCHOOL SER >>		20730	18070	22618	12325	-10293
FUNCTION: PLANT OPERATION/ 4						
L02 LVE/4119-000-32	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	35148	39167	41130	43365	2235
L02 LVE/4119-000-50	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	3600	5332	4000	4000	0
L02 LVE/4129-000-66	FUEL	11000	11736	11000	11000	0
L02 LVE/4139-000-65	ELECTRIC POWER	21775	20614	21775	21775	0
L02 LVE/4139-000-68	SCHOOL TELEPHONE	2200	2287	2200	2200	0
L02 LVE/4219-000-69	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2400	3950	6700	1600	-5100
L02 LVE/4229-000-69	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	15500	21661	15500	14450	-1050
L02 LVE/4230-000-69	EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE	0	0	0	8000	8000
L02 LVE/4239-000-64	MAINTENANCE TRAVEL	450	752	775	775	0
L02 LVE/4239-000-69	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1500	1690	2000	2000	0
L02 LVE/4249-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1	0	1	1	0
L02 LVE/4249-000-69	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	0	0	0	3550	3550
L02 U28/4119-000-32	CENTRAL OFFICE CUSTODIAN	286	300	499	511	12
L02 U28/4139-000-68	CENTRAL OFFICE TELEPHONE	522	852	857	833	-24
function sub-total PLANT OPERATION/ >>		94682	107728	106437	114060	7623
FUNCTION: FIXED CHARGES 5						
L02 LVE/5209-000-61	SCHOOL COMMITTEE INSURANCE	1400	1371	1400	1400	0
L02 LVE/5209-000-65	STUDENT COVERAGE	1200	1100	1200	1200	0
L02 U28/5209-000-60	DISABILITY INSURANCE	93	92	95	94	-1
L02 U28/5309-000-65	CENTRAL OFFICE RENT	1074	1074	1120	1145	25
function sub-total FIXED CHARGES >>		3767	3637	3816	3839	23
FUNCTION: ACQUISITION/IMPRO 7						
L02 LVE/7209-000-80	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	0	0

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APRIL 4, 1995

account number	account title	1994 adjusted	1994 expended	1995 adjusted	1996 proposed	difference curr/prop
L02 LVE/7309-000-80	ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	6000	6000
L02 LVE/7409-000-80	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	2550	3690	2600	7500	4900
L02 U28/7309-000-80	CENTRAL OFFICE NEW EQUIPMENT	172	79	3215	651	-2564
function sub-total ACQUISITION/IMPRO >>		2722	3770	5815	14151	8336
FUNCTION: PROGRAMS WITH OT 9						
L02 LVE/9102-000-90	SPED TUITION	15000	14926	15500	0	-15500
function sub-total PROGRAMS WITH OT >>		15000	14926	15500	0	-15500
fund source sub-total LEVERETT LOCAL A >		778290	778290	880629	914048	33419
**** REPORT GRAND TOTAL >>>>

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Dues/Misc/tel	100 00	100.00
Maps	400 00	400.00
Subtotal	950.00	950 00
TOTAL	4.798 00	4,798.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95 Budgeted	Fy96 Proposed
113 **TOWN MEETING**		
Salaries	200.00	200.00
Expenses	245 00	245 00
TOTAL	445.00	445.00
114 **MODERATOR**	50.00	50.00
122 **SELECTMEN**		
Salaries		
Chair	1,050 00	1,050 00
2 members	2,000 00	2,000.00
Clerk	8,424.00	8,677 00
Subtotal	11,474 00	11,727 00
Expenses		
Telephone	275 00	275 00
Supplies/dues/misc	1,500.00	1 500 00
bids/ads	200 00	200 00
Postage	185 00	185 00
Travel/conference	100 00	100 00
Subtotal	2,260 00	2 260.00
TOTAL	13,734 00	13,987 00
124 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**		
Salary	17 983 00	18 552.00
Expenses	3 401 00	830 00
TOTAL	21 384 00	19,382 00
131 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**	95 00	95 00
135 **ACCOUNTING OFFICER**		
Salaries/wages	6,000 00	6 180 00
Expenses		
Software support	495 00	495.00
Telephone	90 00	90 00
Bookbinding	80 00	80 00
Supplies	75 00	75.00
Conf/travel	40.00	40 00
Dues	30.00	30 00
Biannual Audit	2,700.00	2,700 00
Subtotal	3,510 00	3 510 00
TOTAL	9,510.00	9,690.00
141 **ASSESSORS**		
Salaries		
Chair	998 00	998.00
2 members	1,900 00	1,900.00
Clerk	950.00	950.00
Subtotal	3,848.00	3,848.00
Expenses		
Ledgers/Forms	150.00	150.00
Deeds/Copies	300.00	300.00
142 **REVAL/MAINTENANCE**		
Salary	8,000 00	8,000.00
145 **TREASURER**		
Salaries/Wages	6,000.00	6,180.00
Expenses		
Software Support	555 00	555.00
Envelopes/postage	400.00	500.00
Bond	305 00	305 00
Checks/W-2's	300 00	300 00
Banking Services	150.00	150 00
Telephone	90.00	90 00
Bookbinding	80.00	80.00
Supplies	50.00	50 00
Borrowing	50 00	50 00
Conf/travel	50 00	50 00
Dues	35 00	35 00
Subtotal	2 065 00	2 165 00
TOTAL	8 065.00	8 345 00
146 **COLLECTOR**		
Salaries/wages	6,000 00	6,180 00
Expenses		
Envelopes/Postage	900 00	1 000 00
Bond	432 00	432 00
Software Contract	360 00	360 00
Tax Bills	350 00	350 00
Bookbinding	90 00	90 00
Telephone	90 00	90 00
Supplies	40.00	40 00
Dues	35.00	35 00
Conf/Travel	35 00	35 00
Subtotal	2,332.00	2 432 00
TOTAL	8,332 00	8,612.00
149 **CAPITAL PLANNING**	100.00	100 00
151 **TOWN COUNSEL**	1,000.00	1,000.00
161 **TOWN CLERK**		
Salary	6,629.00	6,828.00
Census input	100 00	100.00
Subtotal	6,729 00	6 928 00
Expenses		
Supplies/Forms/Dues	180 00	180.00
Bond	50.00	50.00
Postage	75.00	75 00
Travel/Conf	300 00	300 00
Code Update		
Census	965 00	965.00
Subtotal	1,570 00	1,570 00
TOTAL	8,299.00	8,498.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
162 **ELECTIONS**		
Salaries		
Poll Workers/police	900.00	700 00
Expenses	100 00	100.00
TOTAL	1,000.00	800.00
163 **REGISTRARS**		
Salaries (4)	170.00	170.00
Expenses	50.00	50 00
TOTAL	220 00	220.00
171 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**		
Salary/Secretary	1,000 00	1,000.00
Expenses		
Memberships	100.00	100 00
Mowing		
Tapes/Film/Postage		
Legal Notices		
Miscellaneous	475 00	675 00
Subtotal	575.00	775 00
TOTAL	1,575.00	1,775 00
175 **PLANNING BOARD**		
Consulting	1,000 00	1 000 00
Supplies/Advertising/Dues	350 00	350 00
TOTAL	1,350 00	1,350 00
176 **ZONING BOARD OF AP**	150 00	150 00
192 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENA**		
Wages/Town Hall Janitor	2,411 00	2,500 00
Expenses		
Maintenance	1,750 00	3,750 00
Electricity	5,000 00	5,000.00
Fuel Oil	4,000 00	4,000 00
Equipment	250 00	250 00
Subtotal	11,000 00	13,000 00
TOTAL	13,411 00	15,500 00
193 **BUILDING INSURANCE**		
Commercial package	5,960.00	5,960.00
Boiler	770 00	770.00
TOTAL	6,730.00	6,730.00
195 **TOWN REPORTS**	1,400.00	1,400.00
198 **NEWSLETTER**	1,168.00	1,168.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOV	**110,716.00**	**112,095.00**
210 **POLICE**		
Wages		
Chief	6,340.00	6,530.00
Clerk	1,130.00	1,160.00
Regular Hours	24,630 00	27,280.00
Court Hours	2,820 00	3,180.00
Training	2,130.00	2,400.00
Total	37,050 00	40,550.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Expenses		
Vehicles	7 000 00	7,500.00
Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
Radio/Radar	2,350.00	2,350.00
Dues	150.00	150.00
Uniforms	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dispatch	6,000.00	0.00
Subtotal	20,700 00	15,200 00
Insurance		
Police Workers'Comp	2,075.00	2,075.00
Subtotal	2,075 00	2,075.00
TOTAL	59,825 00	57,825.00
220 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**		
Wages		
Chief	3,000 00	3,500.00
Deputy Chief	220 00	440 00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00	50.00
2 Captains	220 00	440 00
Response Pay	5,250 00	5 578 00
Lieutenant	110 00	110 00
Inspection, salary	1 000 00	1,000 00
Training	2,100 00	2,200 00
Subtotal	11,950 00	13,318 00
Expenses		
Training	500 00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance	4 500 00	4 500 00
Gas/Oil	850 00	850 00
Mutual Aid	120 00	120 00
Brush Fires	650 00	650 00
Postage	30 00	30.00
Capital	2,500 00	2,500.00
Dispatch	0 00	0.00
Electricity	475.00	475.00
Fuel Oil	300.00	300 00
Inspection Mileage	300.00	300.00
Telephone	400.00	400 00
Subtotal	10,625 00	10,625.00
Insurance		
Firefighter's Worker's C	3,400.00	3,400.00
TOTAL	25,975.00	27,343.00
231 **AMBULANCE**	6,480 00	6,480 00
241 **BUILDING INSPECTOR**	7 819 00	10,715 00
242 **PLUMBING/GAS INSP**	5,902.00	8,422.00
245 **ELECTRICAL INSP**	3,857.00	4,553.00
249 **ANIMAL INSPECTOR**	100.00	100.00
291 **EMERGENCY PLANNIN**	25 00	25.00
292 **DOG OFFICER**		
Salary	650.00	650.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Expenses-	90.00	90 00
TOTAL	740 00	740.00
299 **TREE WARDEN**	5,000.00	6,000 00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFET	**115,723.00**	**122,203.00**
300 **SCHOOLS**		
School Committee	250.00	250.00
Elementary School	880.629.00	914 048.00
Retirement		15,541.00
Workers Comp		6,582.00
Health Ins		53,000.00
Medicare		8,580.00
DebtP		61,686.00
DebtI		14,900.00
Regional School	598,201 00	628,444 00
Debt P		11,340 00
Debt I		7,496.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	**1,479,080.00**	**1,721,867.00**
422 **HIGHWAY DEPT.**		
Wages		
Full Time	77,255 00	79 573 00
Parttime		
Subtotal	77,255 00	79 573 00
Expenses		
Equipment Rental	4 500 00	1,500 00
Parts/Tools	7 275 00	7 275.00
Repairs	2,940 00	2 940 00
Tires/Batteries	1 600 00	1,600 00
Gas/Oil	13 000 00	13 000 00
Lumber/Fence/Paint	1 100 00	1,100 00
Pipes/Culverts	3,000 00	3,000.00
Asphalt/Blacktop	24,000.00	22,000 00
Stone/Gravel/Sand	11,350 00	11,350.00
Supplies/Telephone	550 00	550 00
Capital	550 00	550 00
Bridge maintenance	3,500 00	3 500 00
Gravel Rd. Maintenance	8,000 00	8,000.00
Line Striping		4,000 00
Subtotal	81,365 00	80,365 00
TOTAL	158,620 00	159,938.00
423 **SNOW/ICE CONTROL**		
Wages	10,000 00	10,000 00
Salt/Sand	20 000 00	20 000 00
TOTAL	30,000 00	30,000 00
424 **STREETLIGHTS**	2,534.00	2,597 00
439 **SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION**		
Salaries		
Transfer Station Attend	2,570 00	2,635 00
Assist. Attend	2,088.00	2,184.00
Recycling Coord	750 00	750 00
Subtotal	5,408.00	5,569 00
Expenses		

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Recycling hauling	5,500 00	5,460 00
TS hauling	2,100.00	2,000 00
TS tipping	14,500.00	16,775 00
Stickers	475.00	300 00
Coupons	800 00	300 00
Maintenance	800.00	800.00
Electricity	1,200.00	800.00
Telephone	300.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Dues. refuse dist	25.00	25.00
DEP Recycl Fee		90.00
Subtotal	25,800.00	26,900.00
SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
Salaries		
Open Top Attend	180.00	500.00
Expenses		
Bulky		2,600.00
Hazardous Waste		1,000.00
Subtotal		4,100 00
TOTAL	31,208 00	36,569 00
491 **CEMETERIES**		
North	550.00	550 00
Village	550 00	550 00
TOTAL	1,100 00	1,100 00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORI	**223,462.00**	**230,204.00**
510 **BOARD OF HEALTH**		
Salaries		
Chair	400 00	400 00
4 Members	800.00	800 00
Subtotal	1 200 00	1 200 00
Expenses		
Postage	75.00	75 00
Dues	50 00	50 00
Legal Notices	400.00	400.00
Office Supplies	100.00	100 00
Hazardous Waste	0.00	0.00
Vaccinations	300.00	300 00
Subtotal	925 00	925.00
TOTAL	2,125.00	2,125.00
519 **HEALTH AGENT**	7,668.00	7,860.00
541 **COUNCIL ON AGING**	340.00	340.00
543 **VETERANS' SERVICES**	3,648.00	3,825 00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVI	**13,781.00**	**14,150.00**
610 **LIBRARY**		
Wages		
Librarian/Director	7,446.00	10,717.00
Janitor	287 00	299 00
Subtotal	7,733 00	11,016.00
Expenses		

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Books/Magazines	775.00	853.00
Utilities	1,326.00	1,392.00
Office Supplies	209.00	219.00
Misc	231.00	243.00
Subtotal	2,541.00	2,707.00
TOTAL	10,274.00	13,723.00
691 HISTORICAL COMMISS	200.00	200.00
692 HARVEST FESTIVAL	50.00	50.00
TOTAL CULTURE/REC	**10,524.00**	**13,973.00**
710 DEBT PRINCIPAL	71,187.00	33,250.00
751 DEBT INTEREST	14,063.00	3,082.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	**85,250.00**	**36,332.00**
911 RETIREMENT	40,442.00	19,463.00
912 WORKERS' COMP	15,000.00	6,889.00
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00
914 HEALTH INSURANCE	74,000.00	15,000.00
915 LIFE INSURANCE	470.00	470.00
916 MEDICARE	8,000.00	2,420.00
945 LIABILITY INSURANCE		
Public officials	3,075.00	3,075.00
Group Accident(Police/Fire)	0.00	0.00
Umbrella	1,000.00	1,000.00
Auto	7,607.00	7,607.00
School Nurse	53.00	53.00
TOTAL	11,735.00	11,735.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEO	**151,847.00**	**57,977.00**
GRAND TOTAL	**2,190,183.00**	**2,308,801.00**

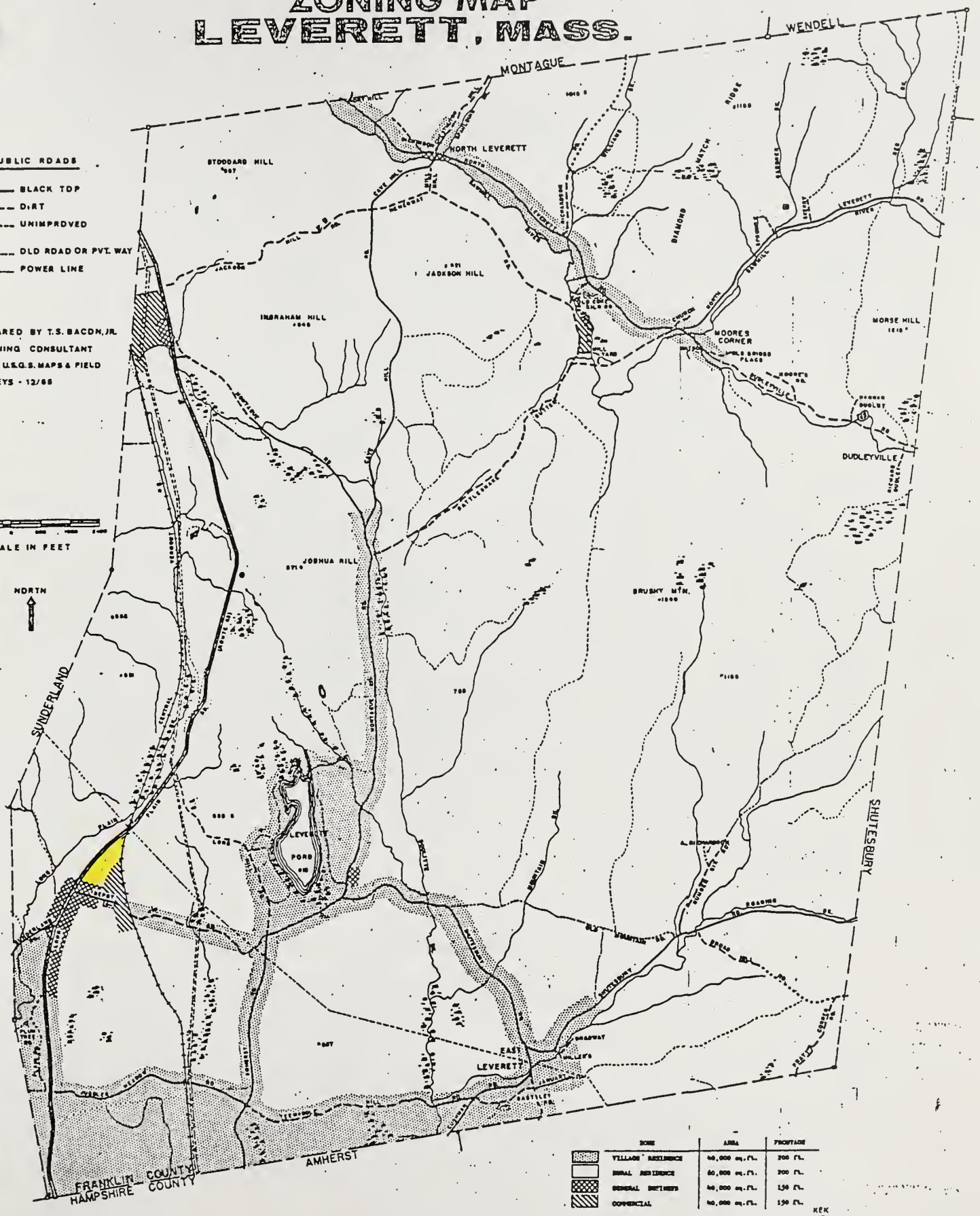
D'Ann Kelty

TOWN OF LEVERETT FY96 Budget
April 29, 1995

account #			
113-5100	Town Meeting salaries	200	
113	Town Meeting expenses	245	
114-5100	Moderator salary	50	
122-5100	Selectmen salaries	11727	
122	Selectmen expenses	2260	
124-5100	Administrative Assistant salaries	18552	
124	Administrative Assistant expenses	830	
131	Finance Committee	95	
135-2100	Accounting Officer salaries	6180	
135	Accounting Officer expenses	3510	
141-5100	Assessors salaries	3848	
141	Assessors expenses	950	
142	Revaluation	8000	
145-5100	Treasurer salaries	6180	
145	Treasurer expenses	2165	
146-5100	Collector salaries	6180	
146	Collector expenses	2432	
149	Capital Planning	100	
151	Town Counsel	1000	
161-5100	Town Clerk salaries	7478	
161	Town Clerk expenses	1020	
162-5100	Elections salaries	700	
162	Elections expenses	100	
163-5100	Registrars salaries	170	
163	Registrars expenses	50	
171-5100	Conservation Commission salaries	1000	
171	Conservation Commission expenses	775	
175	Planning Board	1350	
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	150	
192-5100	Building Maintenance salaries	2500	
192	Building Maintenance	13000	
193	Building Insurance	6730	
195	Town Report	1400	
198-5100	Newsletter	1168	
	100 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		**112095**
210-5100	Police wages/salaries	40550	
210	Police expenses	15200	
210	Police insurance	2075	
220-5100	Fire wages/salaries	13318	
220	Fire expenses	10625	
220	Fire insurance	3400	
231-5200	Ambulance	6480	
241-5200	Building Inspector	10715	
242-5200	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	8422	
245-5200	Electrical Inspector	4553	
249	Animal Inspector salary	100	
291	Emergency Planning salary	25	
292-5100	Dog Officer salary	650	
292	Dog Officer expenses	90	
299	Tree Warden expenses	6000	
	200 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		**122203**

302-5100	School Committee salaries	250	
300	Elementary School	914048	
	Retirement	15541	
	Workers Comp	6582	
	Health Insurance	53000	
	Medicare	8580	
	Debt Principal	61686	
	Debt Interest	14900	
	Life Insurance	409	
	Liability Insurance, Nurse	53	
310	Regional School	~~628444~~	623,136
	Debt Principal	11340	
	Debt Interest	7496	
	300 TOTAL EDUCATION		~~1722329~~
422-5100	Highway wages	79573	
422	Highway expenses	80365	
423-5100	Snow and Ice salaries	10000	
423	Snow and ice expenses	20000	
424	Street Lights	2597	
439-5100	Transfer Station wages	6069	
439	Transfer Station expenses	30500	
491	Cemetaries - North	550	
491	Cemetaries - Village	550	
	400 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		230204
510-5100	Board of Health salaries	1200	
510	Board of Health expenses	925	
519-5200	Health Agent	7860	
541	Council on Aging	340	
543-5200	Veterans Agent	3825	
	500 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		14150
610-5100	Library salaries	11016	
610	Library expenses	2707	
691	Historical Commission	200	
692	Harvest Festival	50	
	600 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		13973
710	Debt Principal	33250	
751	Debt Interest	3082	
	700 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		36332
911-5100	Franklin County Retirement	19463	
912-5100	Workers Comp	6889	
913-5100	Unemployment	2000	
914-5100	Health Insurance	15000	
915-5100	Life Insurance	61	
916-5100	Medicare	2420	
945	Liability Insurance	4075	
946	Auto insurance	7607	
	900 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		57515
		TOTAL	2308801
			2,303,493

ZONING MAP
LEVERETT, MASS.



Principal Uses. (For Accessory uses, see Section 2240.)	DISTRICT RV	RR	GB	COM
Restaurant, including take-out or drive-in service	N	N	SP	SP
Private commercial indoor recreation facility or club	N	N	SP	SP
Junkyard, salvage yard	N	N	N	N
Sawmill (see definition)	N	SP	SP	SP
Gasoline service stations	N	N	SP	SP
Automobile sales and repair	N	N	SP	SP
Sales, service, or storage of trucks, tractors, farm or construction equipment	N	N	SP	SP
Business or professional offices	N	N	SP	SP
Bank	N	N	Y	Y
Retail grocery or general store	SP*	N	Y	Y
Other retail stores and services	N	N	SP	SP
Manufacturing, production, assembly, or processing firm	N	N	N	SP
Research facility	N	N	SP	SP
Bulk storage, warehouse	N	N	N	SP
Sale or storage of feed, fuel, lumber or building supplies	N	N	N	SP
Transportation or private bus terminal	N	N	N	N
Farm stand, seasonal	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kennels	N	SP	SP	SP
Nursing home, funeral home	SP	SP	SP	SP
Ready-mix concrete plant	N	N	N	N
2235. Other Principal Uses.				
Having attributes similar to a use permitted (Y or SP) above	SP	SP	SP	SP
Other principal uses	N	N	N	N

* = Special permit to be issued by the Planning Board

TOWN OF LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT ARTICLE PETITION FORM *

Filed 12/19/94 (month/day/year) 6 40 pm (time)

The undersigned registered voters of the Town of Leverett submit the following article and request that it be placed on the Warrant for the special/annual Town Meeting of April 1995. (date)

Petition to amend Article 41-4 of the code of The Town of Leverett, Massachusetts to read "the last Saturday in March at 9:00 a.m.," instead of "the last Saturday in April at 9:30 a.m."

The wording of Section 41-4 would be amended to read:

§ 41-4. Date and hour of meetings.

The Annual Town Meeting and election of officers shall take place regularly on the last Saturday of March at 9:00 a.m. Special Town Meetings shall convene at such other times as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen or through petition by at least twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters of the town or of two hundred (200) registered voters, whichever number is the lesser, as provided in the General Law.

* To be filed with the SELECTBOARD.

Signature of Registered Voter **	Present address: Name and Number of street must appear.	Residence on January 1 if different.
1. [illegible]	20 CAVE HILL ROAD	
2. Elaine Kachavos	17 Old Long Plain	
3. JOANNA K. STONE	144 N. Leverett Rd	
4. Peter [illegible]	83 Juggler Meadow Rd.	
5. Nathan [illegible]	76 Juggler Meadow Rd	
6. Janice Kachavos	17 Old Long Plain Rd	
7. [illegible]	135 Montague Road	
8. Arlyn Drummond	14 Teawaddle Rd.	
9. Paul A. Bourke	77 Long Hill Rd.	
10. Peter [illegible]	89 Juggler Meadow Rd	

Place additional signatures on the back of this page.

**Any voter who is prevented by physical disability from writing may authorize some person to write his/her name and residence in his/her presence. (General Laws, Chapter 53, Sec. 7)

(Registrars of Voters check thus against the name of each qualified voter to be certified.)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Leverett, 12/19 1994

We certify that 10 of the above signatures checked thus ✓ are names of qualified voters in the Town of Leverett.

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Kelley

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Dues/Misc/tel	100 00	100.00
Maps	400 00	400.00
Subtotal	950 00	950.00
TOTAL	4,798 00	4,798.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95 Budgeted	Fy96 Proposed
113 TOWN MEETING		
Salaries	200.00	200.00
Expenses	245.00	245.00
TOTAL	445.00	445 00
114 MODERATOR	50 00	50.00
122 SELECTMEN		
Salaries		
Chair	1,050.00	1,050 00
2 members	2,000 00	2,000.00
Clerk	8,424.00	8,677.00
Subtotal	11,474.00	11,727 00
Expenses		
Telephone	275 00	275.00
Supplies/dues/misc	1,500 00	1,500 00
bids/ads	200 00	200 00
Postage	185 00	185 00
Travel/conference	100 00	100 00
Subtotal	2,260 00	2,260.00
TOTAL	13,734 00	13,987 00
124 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT		
Salary	17 983 00	18,552.00
Expenses	3 401 00	830 00
TOTAL	21 384 00	19,382 00
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	95 00	95 00
135 ACCOUNTING OFFICER		
Salaries/wages	6,000 00	6,180.00
Expenses		
Software support	495 00	495.00
Telephone	90.00	90 00
Bookbinding	80 00	80.00
Supplies	75 00	75 00
Conf/travel	40.00	40 00
Dues	30.00	30 00
Biannual Audit	2,700.00	2,700.00
Subtotal	3,510 00	3,510.00
TOTAL	9,510.00	9,690.00
141 ASSESSORS		
Salaries		
Chair	998 00	998.00
2 members	1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk	950.00	950.00
Subtotal	3,848.00	3,848.00
Expenses		
Ledgers/Forms	150 00	150.00
Deeds/Copies	300.00	300.00
142 REVAL/MAINTENANCE		
Salary	8,000.00	8,000.00
145 TREASURER		
Salaries/Wages	6,000.00	6,180.00
Expenses		
Software Support	555 00	555.00
Envelopes/postage	400.00	500.00
Bond	305.00	305.00
Checks/W-2's	300 00	300.00
Banking Services	150.00	150 00
Telephone	90 00	90 00
Bookbinding	80.00	80.00
Supplies	50.00	50 00
Borrowing	50 00	50.00
Conf/travel	50.00	50 00
Dues	35 00	35 00
Subtotal	2,065 00	2,165.00
TOTAL	8 065.00	8 345 00
146 COLLECTOR		
Salaries/wages	6,000 00	6,180 00
Expenses		
Envelopes/Postage	900 00	1 000 00
Bond	432 00	432 00
Software Contract	360 00	360 00
Tax Bills	350 00	350 00
Bookbinding	90 00	90.00
Telephone	90 00	90.00
Supplies	40.00	40.00
Dues	35.00	35.00
Conf/Travel	35 00	35 00
Subtotal	2,332.00	2,432.00
TOTAL	8,332.00	8,612.00
149 CAPITAL PLANNING	100.00	100.00
151 TOWN COUNSEL	1,000.00	1,000.00
161 TOWN CLERK		7478.00
Salary	6,629.00	+550 (6,828 00)
Census input	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	6,729 00	6 928.00
Expenses		
Supplies/Forms/Dues	180.00	180.00
Bond	50.00	50.00
Postage	75.00	75 00
Travel/Conf	300 00	300.00
Code Update		
Census	965 00	-550 (965.00)
Subtotal	1,570 00	1020.00 (1,570 00)
TOTAL	8,299 00	8,498.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
162 **ELECTIONS**		
Salaries		
Poll Workers/police	900.00	700.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	1,000.00	800.00
163 **REGISTRARS**		
Salaries (4)	170.00	170.00
Expenses	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	220.00	220.00
171 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**		
Salary/Secretary	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses		
Memberships	100.00	100.00
Mowing		
Tapes/Film/Postage		
Legal Notices		
Miscellaneous	475.00	675.00
Subtotal	575.00	775.00
TOTAL	1,575.00	1,775.00
175 **PLANNING BOARD**		
Consulting	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies/Advertising/Dues	350.00	350.00
TOTAL	1,350.00	1,350.00
176 **[illegible]ING BOARD OF AP**	150.00	150.00
192 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENAI**		
Wages/Town Hall Janitor	2,411.00	2,500.00
Expenses		
Maintenance	1,750.00	3,750.00
Electricity	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fuel Oil	4,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment	250.00	250.00
Subtotal	11,000.00	13,000.00
TOTAL	13,411.00	15,500.00
193 **BUILDING INSURANCE**		
Commercial package	5,960.00	5,960.00
Boiler	770.00	770.00
TOTAL	6,730.00	6,730.00
195 **TOWN REPORTS**	1,400.00	1,400.00
198 **NEWSLETTER**	1,168.00	1,168.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOV	**110,716.00**	**112,085.00**
210 **POLICE**		
Wages		
Chief	6,340.00	6,530.00
Clerk	1,130.00	1,160.00
Regular Hours	24,630.00	27,280.00
Court Hours	2,820.00	3,180.00
[illegible]ng	2,130.00	2,400.00
Su[illegible]al	37,050.00	40,550.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Expenses		
Vehicles	7,000.00	7,500.00
Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
Radio/Radar	2,350.00	2,350.00
Dues	150.00	150.00
Uniforms	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dispatch	6,000.00	0.00
Subtotal	20,700.00	15,200.00
Insurance		
Police Workers'Comp	2,075.00	2,075.00
Subtotal	2,075.00	2,075.00
TOTAL	59,825.00	57,825.00
220 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**		
Wages		
Chief	3,000.00	3,500.00
Deputy Chief	220.00	440.00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00	50.00
2 Captains	220.00	440.00
Response Pay	5,250.00	5,578.00
Lieutenant	110.00	110.00
Inspection, salary	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training	2,100.00	2,200.00
Subtotal	11,950.00	13,318.00
Expenses		
Training	500.00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance	4,500.00	4,500.00
Gas/Oil	850.00	850.00
Mutual Aid	120.00	120.00
Brush Fires	650.00	650.00
Postage	30.00	30.00
Capital	2,500.00	2,500.00
Dispatch	0.00	0.00
Electricity	475.00	475.00
Fuel Oil	300.00	300.00
Inspection Mileage	300.00	300.00
Telephone	400.00	400.00
Subtotal	10,625.00	10,625.00
Insurance		
Firefighter's Worker's C[illegible]	3,400.00	3,400.00
TOTAL	25,975.00	27,343.00
231 **AMBULANCE**	6,480.00	6,480.00
241 **BUILDING INSPECTOR**	7,819.00	10,715.00
242 **PLUMBING/GAS INSP**	5,902.00	8,422.00
245 **ELECTRICAL INSP**	3,857.00	4,553.00
249 **ANIMAL INSPECTOR** [illegible]	100.00	100.00
291 **EMERGENCY PLANNIN**	25.00	25.00
292 **DOG OFFICER**		
Salary	650.00	650.00

DOG OFFICER

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Expenses	90.00	90.00
TOTAL	740 00	740.00
299 TREE WARDEN	5,000.00	6,000 00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFET	115,723.00	122,203.00
300 SCHOOLS		
School Committee	250.00	250.00
Elementary School	880.629.00	914.048.00
Retirement		15,541.00
Workers Comp		6.582.00
Health Ins		53.000.00
Medicare		8.580.00
DebtPrincipal		61.686.00
DebtInterest		14.900.00
Life Insurance		409
Liability Insurance, Nurse		53
Regional School	598.201.00	628,444.00
Debt Princ		11.340.00
Debt Interest		7.496.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	1,479,080.00	1 1722329
422 HIGHWAY DEPT.		
Wages		
Full Time	77,255 00	79 573 00
Parttime		
Subtotal	77.255 00	79 573.00
Expenses		
Equipment Rental	4.500 00	1,500 00
Parts/Tools	7 275 00	7.275.00
Repairs	2.940 00	2.940 00
Tires/Batteries	1 600 00	1,600 00
Gas/Oil	13 000 00	13 000 00
Lumber/Fence/Paint	1 100 00	1.100 00
Pipes/Culverts	3,000 00	3 000.00
Asphalt/Blacktop	24.000 00	22.000 00
Stone/Gravel/Sand	11.350 00	11,350.00
Supplies/Telephone	550.00	550.00
Capital	550.00	550.00
Bridge maintenance	3,500 00	3.500 00
Gravel Rd. Maintenance	8.000 00	8,000.00
Line Striping		4.000.00
Subtotal	81.365.00	80.365.00
TOTAL	158.620 00	159.938.00
423 SNOW/ICE CONTROL		
Wages	10.000 00	10.000 00
Salt/Sand EXPENSES	20 000.00	20.000.00
TOTAL	30.000 00	30,000 00
424 STREETLIGHTS	2,534.00	2,597 00
439 SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION		
Salaries		
Transfer Station Attend	2,570 00	2.635.00
Assist. Attend	2.088.00	2.184.00
Recycling Coord	750 00	750.00
Subtotal	5,408.00	5,569.00
SPECIAL PROGRAM SALARIES		500.
~~Expenses~~		
Total Salaries		6069.

TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES

DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96
Recycling hauling	5,500 00	5.460 00
TS hauling	2.100.00	2.000 00
TS tipping	14,500.00	16,775 00
Stickers	475.00	300.00
Coupons	800 00	300 00
Maintenance	800.00	800.00
Electricity	1,200.00	800.00
Telephone	300.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Dues. refuse dist	25.00	25.00
DEP Recycl Fee		90 00
Subtotal	25,800.00	26,900.00
SPECIAL PROGRAMS		30,500.00
Salaries		
Open Top Attend	180.00	500.00
Expenses		
Bulky		2,600.00
Hazardous Waste		1,000.00
Subtotal		4,100.00
TOTAL	31,208 00	36,569 00
491 CEMETERIES		
North	550.00	550.00
Village	550 00	550 00
TOTAL	1,100 00	1,100 00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORI	223,462.00	230,204.00
510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
Salaries		
Chair	400 00	400 00
4 Members	800 00	800 00
Subtotal	1 200 00	1,200 00
Expenses		
Postage	75.00	75.00
Dues	50 00	50 00
Legal Notices	400.00	400.00
Office Supplies	100.00	100 00
Hazardous Waste	0.00	0 00
Vaccinations	300.00	300 00
Subtotal	925.00	925.00
TOTAL	2,125.00	2,125.00
519 HEALTH AGENT	7,668.00	7,860.00
541 COUNCIL ON AGING	340.00	340.00
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	3,648.00	3,825.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVI	13,781.00	14,150.00
610 LIBRARY		
Wages		
Librarian/Director	7,446 00	10,717.00
Janitor	287 00	299 00
Subtotal	7,733.00	11,016.00
Expenses		

LIBRARY EXPENSES

	DEPARTMENT	Fy95	Fy96	
	Books/Magazines	775.00		853.00
	Utilities	1,326 00		1,392.00
	Office Supplies	209.00		219.00
	Misc	231.00		243.00
	Subtotal	2,541.00		2,707.00
	TOTAL	10,274.00		13,723.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISS	200.00		200.00
692	HARVEST FESTIVAL	50.00		50.00
	TOTAL CULTURE/REC	10,524.00		13,973.00
710	DEBT PRINCIPAL	71,187.00		33,250.00
751	DEBT INTEREST	14,063.00		3,082.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	85,250.00		36,332.00
911	RETIREMENT	40,442.00		19,463.00
912	WORKERS' COMP	15,000.00		6,889.00
913	UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000 00		2,000.00
914	HEALTH INSURANCE	74,000 00		15,000.00
915	LIFE INSURANCE	470 00		~~470 00~~ 61.00 (409.00 was put in school lines)
916	MEDICARE	8,000.00		2,420 00
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE			
	Public officials	3,075 00		3,075 00
	Group Accident(Police/Fire)	0 00		0 00
	Umbrella	1,000 00		1,000 00
	Auto	7,607.00		7,607 00
	~~School Nurse~~	53 00		~~53 00~~
	TOTAL	11,735.00		~~11,735.00~~
	TOTAL MISCELLANEO	151,647.00		~~57,977.00~~ 57,515
	GRAND TOTAL	2,190,183.00		2,308,801.00 2303493

4075.00

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

May 5, 1995

Mr. Charles Killian, Chairman
Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board
100 Cambridge Street Room 903
Boston, MA 02202

Dear Mr. Killian,

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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Governor William Weld
The State House
Boston, MA 02113

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Congressman John Olver
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2101

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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2102

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Washington, D.C. 20510-2101

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Representative Steven Kulik
State House, Room 134
Boston, MA 02113

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Senator Stan Rosenberg
State House, Room 413A
Boston, MA 02113

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NAMES OF THE SELECTMEN AND CLERKS

TOWN: LEVERETT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**TERM EXPIRES**
☞ **Chairperson:** FENNA LEE BONSIGNORE	1998
DONALD L. GIBAVIC	1996
ALICE J. RARIG	1997

☞ **DATE OF TOWN MEETING:** April 29, 1995

☞ **TOWN CLERK:** D'Ann Sauer Kelty **Term Expires:** 1998

☞ **Town Clerk:** **Appointed** or **Elected** **(Please Circle)**

☞ **Town Clerk's Business Phone:** (413) 548-9159 **Home Phone:** (413) 548-9797

☞ **Clerk's FAX number OR other town office FAX number:** ( )

☞ **Town Clerk's Office Hours:** Monday 9-2 and 6-7:30 Tues. 9-12 Fri 9-2

☞ **Town Clerk's Mailing Address and Zip Code:** Box 178 Leverett, MA 01054
(Office, not home)

☞ **If town clerk is elected/appointed this year, name of individual elected:**

same as above **Term Expires:**

Home Phone: ( )

Signed D'Ann Sauer Kelty
(Town Clerk)

Please return within five days to:

Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division
Room 1705
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: **(617) 727-2828 or 1-800-462-VOTE**
Fax: **(617) 742-3238**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of The Secretary of The Commonwealth
Town Officers Elected

Town of Leverett

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, I certify that the following persons were elected to town offices at the annual town election held on April 29, 1995.
(Date of Election)

Town Clerk D'Ann Sauer Kelty

Return immediately after town election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Division, McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA02108-1512

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Assessor	Donald Robinson	1998
Assistant Moderator	Gary Gruber	1996
Auditor	Steven Nagy	1996
Library Trustee	Judy Batty	1998
Library Trustee	Elaine Barker	1998
Constable	Carlyle Field	1998
Finance Committee	John Jenkins	1998
Finance Committee	Edith Field	1998
Planning Board	Jenny Daniell	2000
School Committee	Elizabeth Caldwell	1998
School Committee	Karen Rubin	1998
Selectboard	Fenna Lee Bonsignore	1998
Tree warden	William Stratford	1996
Town Clerk	D'Ann Kelty	1998

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
William Francis Galvin

City/Town : LEVERETT

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, I certify that the number of people who voted in the election was as follows:

Date of election: April 29, 1995

In accordance with the General Laws, I certify that at the close of registration on the number of registered voters was as follows:

Date of close of registration: April 7, 1995

WD.	PCT.	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED	WD.	PCT.	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED
		1154	92				
TOTAL							

CITY OR TOWN CLERK OR ELECTION COMMISSIONER: D'Ann Sauerkelly

Please return this form within 5 days after the election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Division, Room 1705, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108

Interoffice Memo

Date: May 12, 1995

To: Office of The Town Clerk , Leverett

From: Paul R. Carlson, Treasurer/Business Manager; Amherst-Pelham Regional School District

Subject: Copies of Town Votes Taken Regarding FY96 Budgets:

1. REGION BUDGET ASSESSMENT FY96

Leverett Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 1995

Regional School assessment amount voted by the meeting: $623,136

A true copy attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

AMHERST - PELHAM *Regional* SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT TO TOWN MEETINGS
Spring, 1995
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Regional School Committee formed the Regional High School Building Committee in October, 1993. This followed four years of study about secondary school space needs and enrollment projections. The architectural firm of Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. of Newton Centre, MA was hired in November, 1993 to develop project plans, along with the assistance of Kuhn Riddle Architects of Amherst, MA. The Building Committee consists of fifteen representatives of the Regional School District (Amherst, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury) including community members, school teachers, administrators, parents, students and the Regional School Committee.

From late 1993 to the present, the Building Committee has worked with the architects to develop new plans for the new addition and renovation of the existing building. These plans have been reviewed by staff, students, local officials, and the Regional School Committee. Public meetings on the plans were held in all four regional communities. Out of the many comments, concerns and suggestions received, has emerged an attractive, functional and efficient design to serve students in grades 9-12. During the spring of 1994, all four towns voted to approve the project contingent on state approval, including 2/3 reimbursement of project costs, and debt exclusion override votes. By fall of 1994, all four towns had approved these overrides.

Since last fall, the Building Committee has been meeting almost every Monday evening to complete the design development stage of the project. The Building Committee and the Regional School Committee voted to accept the design in March, 1995. The final drawings and construction documents needed to meet the June 1 submission deadline set by the Department of Education are now being completed. The project is still operating within the $22,092,000 limit set be the regional towns. The project is expected to take 24-28 months to complete - involving two full school years and three summer vacation periods.

The Department of Education is anticipating up to 150 or so new projects to be submitted by June 1, 1995. This is an unprecedented number of applications, and there are 51 applications that were not funded last year due to limits in legislative funding. All projects will be "ranked" according to DOE criteria, although the 51 projects from last year will likely go to the head of the list. The State Board of Education will vote - probably in late June or early July - the individual project rankings and allocate funds within the school construction budget approved for FY96 by the State legislature.

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Next Steps

A major part of the planning for this project has been accomplished by completion of the design development stage. The next major stage will be completed with submission of construction drawings and other documents on June 1. The final stage will begin once our project's "ranking" by the State is known. The Regional School Committee will then be able to assess the viability of requesting fall town meetings to seek approval for beginning the project in June, 1996. This would involve presenting a proposed financial plan to fund the start of the project in June, 1996 and to carry the project until State reimbursement funds begin to flow. A number of other communities across the State are planning to pursue this alternative in order to offset likely cost increases resulting from deferred construction and inflation.

The Building Committee appreciates the support and assistance this project has received from the Region's towns. We will remain in touch with town officials and the public over the remainder of this spring and summer.

Thank you.

Regional High School Building Committee

Joan Hanson, Co-Chair	Shutesbury Representative
Merle Howes, Co-Chair	Amherst Representative
Ronald Bell	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Burnim	Title I/Staff Development
Sarah Collins	Student Representative
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John DeNyse	Amherst Representative
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Lilian Kravitz	High School Teacher
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Gus A. Sayer, ex officio
Superintendent of Schools

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY96 BUDGET REQUEST - SUMMARY DATA

- **FY96 BUDGET REQUEST - REGION:** Summarizes the major programs and the financial additions/deletions which have occurred to date as voted by the school committee.

- **FY96 ASSESSMENTS (Comparison to FY95):** Highlights each of the member town's assessments for FY96 and FY95, the difference in cost between fiscal years, and the percentage change in assessments.

- **AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL FISCAL FY96 BUDGET REQUEST:** Provides a trend analysis for FY92-FY93-FY94-FY95 and FY96 by major programs.

- **AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL FISCAL FY96 BUDGET REQUEST (Graph):** Provides a trend analysis (Graphic) for FY92-FY93-FY94-FY95 and FY96 by major programs.

- **AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOLS -Chart of Accounts by Categorical Breakdown:** Provides a trend analysis for FY92-FY93-FY94-FY95 and FY96 by major categories of expenditure. Categorical definitions on subsequent page.

- **PUPIL ENROLLMENT DATA:**

  A. AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - Pupil Enrollment (FTE): Provides an overview of district pupil enrollments.

  B. Provides an overview of MEMBER TOWN pupil enrollments.

  C. Provides an overview of enrollments and COST PER PUPIL DATA.

- **SUMMARY DATA APPEARING IN FINANCE COMMITTEE BOOK:** Summarizes Staffing, Pupil Enrollments, Capital improvement requests.

FISCAL 96 BUDGET REQUEST - REGION

==INSTRUCTION==	FY96 REQUESTED	VOTED CHANGES:	ADJ BUDGET	NOTES TO CHANGES:
REGULAR EDUC				
102 LANGUAGE ARTS	$684,358		$684,358	
103 MATHEMATICS	694,618		694,618	
104 SCIENCE	680,517		680,517	
105 SOCIAL STUDIES	650,322		650,322	
106 HEALTH EDUC.	77,001		77,001	
107 ART	186,099		186,099	
108 FOREIGN LANG.	568,936		568,936	
109 MUSIC	187,628		187,628	
110 PHYS. EDUC.	416,842		416,842	
240 ATHLETICS	156,317		156,317	
111 READING	151,806		151,806	
112 BUSINESS	83,196		83,196	
113 DRIVER EDUC.	0		0	
114 HOME EC	160,269		160,269	
115 INDUST. ARTS	244,576		244,576	
116 COMPUTER INSTR.	64,719		64,719	
118 LAU/ESL	218,296		218,296	-5,000 Summer Curr Dev ; -4,800 Clerm
120 OTHER INSTR.	250,178	(62,300)	187,878	Furniture, -52,500 Sab Lv
TOTAL REG. EDUC	$5,475,678		$5,413,378	
SPECIAL EDUC				
121 SPED ADMIN	103,326		$103,326	
122 INSTRUCTION	563,246		563,246	
123 PSYCH. SERVICES	96,518		96,518	
124 SPEECH HEARING	35,449		35,449	
125 CONTRACTED SERV	845,300		845,300	
128 ALTERN. PROG.	193,088		193,088	
TOTAL SPED	$1,836,927		$1,836,927	
=TOTAL INSTRUCTION=	$7,312,605		$7,250,305	
==INSTR. SUPPORT==				
PUPIL SUPPORT				
210 PPS ADMIN	$8,107		$8,107	
220 GUIDANCE	441,538		441,538	
230 HEALTH SERV.	67,358		67,358	
TOTAL PUPIL SUPP	$517,003		$517,003	
PROGRAM SUPPORT				
330 INSTR SUPP ADMIN	$37,618		$37,618	
331 DEVELOPMENT SUPP	50,927	(5,000)	45,927	Prog. Acct.
332 LIBRARIES	226,200		226,200	
333 AV & TV	85,549		85,549	
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPP	$400,294		$395,294	
GENERAL ADMIN				
441 SCHOOL COMM SERV	$67,033		$67,033	
TOTAL GEN. ADMIN	$67,033		$67,033	
CENTRAL ADMIN				
442 SUPERINTENDENT	$182,909		$182,909	
444 BUSINESS OFF	112,706		112,706	
446 DATA PROC.	58,625		58,625	
TOTAL CENTRAL ADMIN	$354,240		$354,240	
SCHOOL ADMIN				
451 SH ADMIN	$315,950		$315,950	
452 JH ADMIN	327,559		327,559	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN	$643,509		$643,509	
=TOTAL INSTR SUPP=	$1,982,079		1,977,079	
==OPERATIONAL SUPP==				
MAINT & OPERAT				
510 MAINT ADMIN	$61,386		$61,386	
520 CUSTODIAL SERV	374,478		374,478	
522 MAINT SERV	318,685	(15,000)	303,685	JH Bldg Imprv
524 UTILITIES	416,328		416,328	
TOTAL MAINT & OPER	$1,170,877		$1,155,877	
TRANSPORTATION				
610 STUDENT TRANSP	$1,226,577	(95,584)	$1,130,993	Adj/Transp Bid & -20k sped van
*TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	$1,226,577		$1,130,993	
OTHER OPERAT. SUPP				
710 INSURANCE	$1,628,734		$1,628,734	
720 FOOD SERVICES	3,300	(3,300)	0	Equip.
740 COOP SERVICES	250,055	7,684	257,739	Smith Voc Tuit
TOTAL OTHER OPER SUPP	$1,882,089		$1,886,473	
=TOTAL OPERAT. SUPP=	$4,279,543		$4,173,343	
==OTHER PROGRAMS==				
910 DEBT SERVICE	$0		$0	
921 CONTROL ACCTS	355,049		355,049	
=TOTAL OTHER PROG.=	$355,049		$355,049	
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST	$13,929,276			
MISC CHANGES ALL PROGRAMS:				
Equipment (various programs)		(15,000)		
Contract Settlements		(32,000)		
Teaching Position 1.0 FTE		(30,000)		
	FY96	(250,500)	$13,678,776	
	TOTAL FY95 BUDGET:		$12,813,185	
	DIFF FY95/FY96:		$865,591	
	% CHANGE:		6.76%	

VOTED 3/2/95
VOTED 4/11/95

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY96 ASSESSMENTS (Comparison to FY95)

BOTTOM UP METHOD (Department of Education Recommended Formula 12/94)

SUMMARY FY96 vs. FY95	Amherst	Pelham	Leverett	Shutesbury	Total
FY96 Assessment	$5,916,681	$464,904	$623,136	$539,692	$7,544,413
FY95 Assessment	5,579,035	517,041	581,230	497,991	7,175,297
Increase(Decrease)	337,646	(52,137)	41,906	41,701	369,116
Percent Increase(Decrease)	6.05%	-10.08%	7.21%	8.37%	5.14%

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL
20-Apr-95
FISCAL 96 BUDGET REQUEST

	ACTUAL FY92	ACTUAL FY93	ACTUAL FY94	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED	DIFF	% DIFF	FY96 percent of budget
==INSTRUCTION==								
REGULAR EDUC								
102 LANGUAGE ARTS	$594,170	$598,305	$650,215	$649,677	$684,358	$34,681	5.3%	5.00%
103 MATHEMATICS	569,472	593,990	623,931	685,997	694,618	8,621	1.3%	5.08%
104 SCIENCE	538,734	553,479	604,968	665,014	680,517	15,503	2.3%	4.97%
105 SOCIAL STUDIES	568,949	584,295	615,963	646,485	650,322	3,837	0.6%	4.75%
106 HEALTH EDUC.	61,183	64,095	73,695	76,410	77,001	591	0.8%	0.56%
107 ART	172,369	172,437	176,110	183,352	186,099	2,747	1.5%	1.36%
108 FOREIGN LANG.	510,367	469,820	522,694	556,780	568,936	12,156	2.2%	4.16%
109 MUSIC	180,418	180,759	167,248	178,518	187,628	9,110	5.1%	1.37%
110 PHYS. EDUC.	380,940	388,867	393,864	409,737	416,842	7,105	1.7%	3.05%
240 ATHLETICS	171,525	162,628	154,668	143,132	156,317	13,185	9.2%	1.14%
111 READING	119,882	120,069	136,921	147,067	151,806	4,739	3.2%	1.11%
112 BUSINESS	123,453	83,435	86,405	89,436	83,196	(6,240)	-7.0%	0.61%
113 DRIVER EDUC.	4,786	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0.00%
114 HOME EC	138,479	141,304	150,414	157,537	160,269	2,732	1.7%	1.17%
115 INDUST. ARTS	257,927	258,043	264,345	249,724	244,576	(5,148)	-2.1%	1.79%
116 COMPUTER INSTR.	48,592	49,588	58,959	64,760	64,719	(41)	-0.1%	0.47%
118 LAU/ESL	200,099	209,550	204,347	206,812	218,296	11,484	5.6%	1.60%
120 OTHER INSTR.	170,598	240,474	166,540	200,051	187,878	(12,173)	-6.1%	1.37%
TOTAL REG. EDUC	$4,811,943	$4,871,138	$5,051,287	$5,310,489	$5,413,378	$102,889	1.9%	41.45%
SPECIAL EDUC								
121 SPED ADMIN	$94,221	$91,703	$100,938	$104,217	103,326	($891)	-0.9%	0.76%
122 INSTRUCTION	319,894	414,121	468,592	555,908	563,246	7,338	1.3%	4.12%
123 PSYCH. SERVICES	91,521	91,048	92,657	96,504	96,518	14	0.0%	0.71%
124 SPEECH-HEARING	29,983	30,993	32,343	35,417	35,449	32	0.1%	0.26%
125 CONTRACTED SERV	586,084	532,725	608,641	719,337	845,300	125,963	17.5%	6.18%
128 ALTERN. PROG.	154,901	188,037	166,521	181,559	193,088	11,529	6.4%	1.41%
TOTAL SPED	$1,276,604	$1,348,627	$1,469,692	$1,692,942	$1,836,927	$143,985	8.5%	13.21%
=TOTAL INSTRUCTION=	$6,088,547	$6,219,765	$6,520,979	$7,003,431	$7,250,305	$246,874	3.5%	54.66%

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL
20-Apr-95
FISCAL 96 BUDGET REQUEST

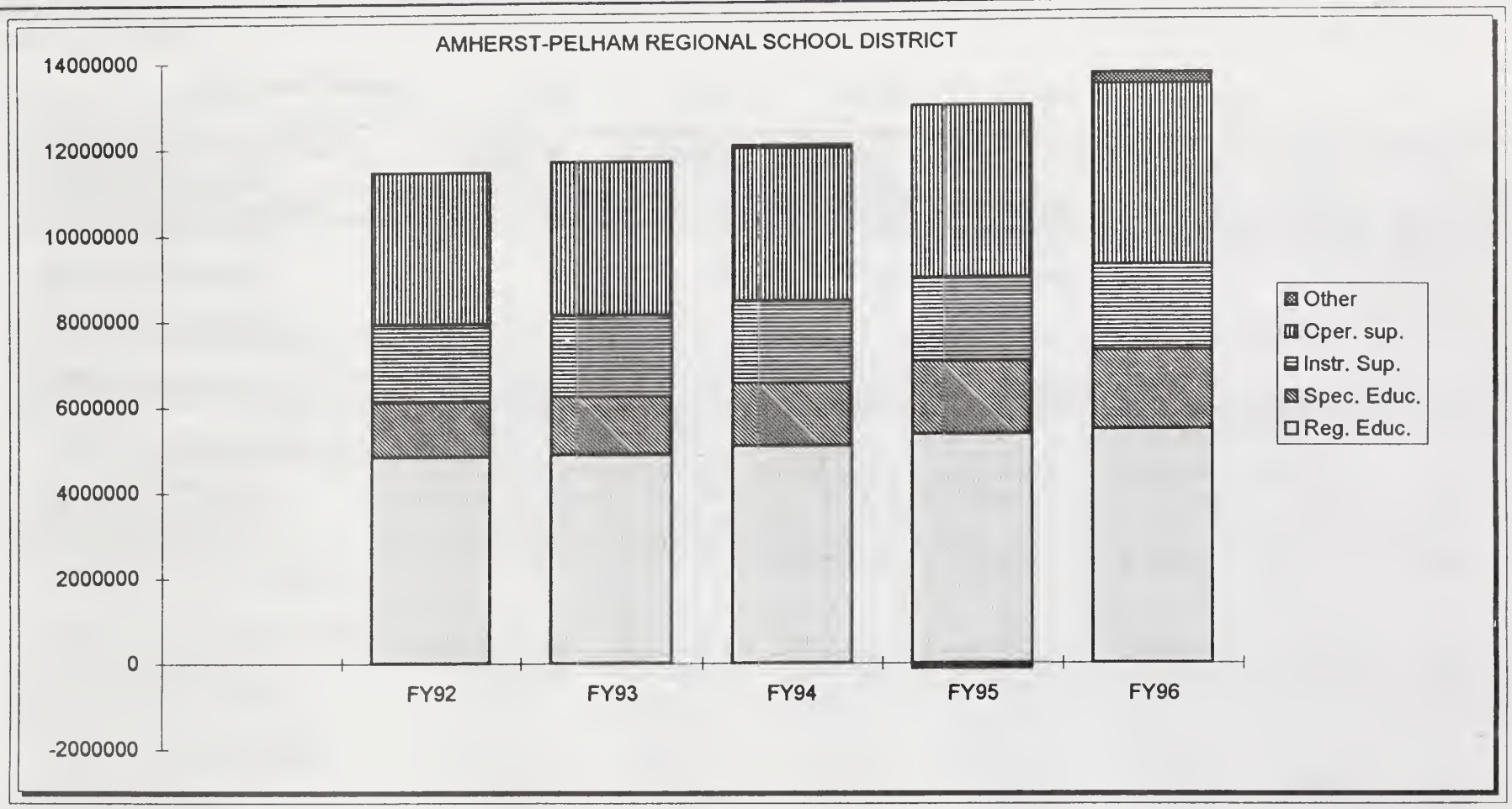
	ACTUAL FY92	ACTUAL FY93	ACTUAL FY94	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED	DIFF	% DIFF	FY96 percent of budget
==INSTR. SUPPORT==								
PUPIL SUPPORT								
210 PPS ADMIN	$7,450	$7,644	$7,795	$8,107	$8,107	$0	0.0%	0.06%
220 GUIDANCE	378,314	390,364	424,288	436,674	441,538	4,864	1.1%	3.23%
230 HEALTH SERV.	72,496	74,164	58,359	64,423	67,358	2,935	4.6%	0.49%
TOTAL PUPIL SUPP	$458,260	$472,172	$490,442	$509,204	$517,003	$7,799	1.5%	3.97%
PROGRAM SUPPORT								
330 INSTR SUPP ADMIN	$31,348	$32,880	$34,873	$35,968	$37,618	$1,650	4.6%	0.28%
331 DEVELOPMENT SUPP	34,666	28,793	33,782	35,086	45,927	10,841	30.9%	0.34%
332 LIBRARIES	236,810	236,766	231,330	222,062	226,200	4,138	1.9%	1.65%
333 AV & TV	72,214	78,977	73,036	85,900	85,549	(351)	-0.4%	0.63%
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPP	$375,038	$377,416	$373,021	$379,016	$395,294	$16,278	4.3%	2.96%
GENERAL ADMIN								
441 SCHOOL COMM SERV	$51,975	$72,270	$94,695	$64,492	$67,033	$2,541	3.9%	0.49%
TOTAL GEN. ADMIN	$51,975	$72,270	$94,695	$64,492	$67,033	$2,541	3.9%	0.50%
CENTRAL ADMIN								
442 SUPERINTENDENT	$201,674	$206,844	$175,645	$178,685	$182,909	$4,224	2.4%	1.34%
444 BUSINESS OFF	105,220	104,020	106,710	111,604	112,706	1,102	1.0%	0.82%
446 DATA PROC.	43,653	42,015	39,271	53,843	58,625	4,782	8.9%	0.43%
TOTAL CENTRAL ADMIN	$350,547	$352,879	$321,626	$344,132	$354,240	$10,108	2.9%	2.69%
SCHOOL ADMIN								
451 SH ADMIN	$301,072	$328,909	$317,722	$323,255	$315,950	($7,305)	-2.3%	2.31%
452 JH ADMIN	274,990	279,833	294,878	313,892	327,559	13,667	4.4%	2.39%
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN	$576,062	$608,742	$612,600	$637,147	$643,509	$6,362	1.0%	4.97%
=TOTAL INSTR SUPP=	$1,811,882	$1,883,479	$1,892,384	$1,933,991	$1,977,079	$43,088	2.2%	15.09%

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL
20-Apr-95
FISCAL 96 BUDGET REQUEST

	ACTUAL FY92	ACTUAL FY93	ACTUAL FY94	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED	DIFF	% DIFF	FY96 percent of budget
==OPERATIONAL SUPP==								
MAINT & OPERAT								
510 MAINT ADMIN	$57,522	$50,408	$55,211	$60,697	$61,386	$689	1.1%	0.45%
520 CUSTODIAL SERV	316,170	337,049	345,265	369,855	374,478	4,623	1.2%	2.74%
522 MAINT SERV	344,182	326,536	243,392	355,636	303,685	(51,951)	-14.6%	2.22%
524 UTILITIES	367,864	376,182	377,282	413,658	416,328	2,670	0.6%	3.04%
TOTAL MAINT & OPER	$1,085,738	$1,090,175	$1,021,150	$1,199,846	$1,155,877	($43,969)	-3.7%	9.36%
TRANSPORTATION								
610 STUDENT TRANSP	$1,046,018	$1,072,578	$1,075,644	$1,118,524	$1,130,993	$12,469	1.1%	8.27%
*TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	$1,046,018	$1,072,578	$1,075,644	$1,118,524	$1,130,993	$12,469	1.1%	8.73%
OTHER OPERAT. SUPP								
710 INSURANCE	$1,163,939	$1,212,758	$1,294,004	$1,454,985	$1,628,734	$173,749	11.9%	11.91%
720 FOOD SERVICES	90,000	37,500	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0.00%
740 COOP SERVICES	154,871	151,566	170,500	237,204	257,739	20,535	8.7%	1.88%
TOTAL OTHER OPER SUPP	$1,408,810	$1,401,824	$1,464,504	$1,692,189	$1,886,473	$194,284	11.5%	13.21%
=TOTAL OPERAT. SUPP=	$3,540,566	$3,564,577	$3,561,298	$4,010,559	$4,173,343	$162,784	4.1%	31.30%
==OTHER PROGRAMS==								
910 DEBT SERVICE	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	#DIV/0!	0.00%
921 CONTROL ACCTS	0	0	0	(134,796)	278,049	412,845	-306.3%	2.03%
=TOTAL OTHER PROG.=	$0	$0	$0	($134.796)	$278,049	$412,845	-306.3%	-1.05%
TRANSFERS/OTHER			75,136					
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST	$11,440,995	$11,667,821	$12,049,797	$12,813,185	$13,678,776	$865,591	6.8%	100.00%
PERCENT CHANGE	0.91%	1.98%	3.27%	6.34%	6.76%			

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL
20-Apr-95
FISCAL 96 BUDGET REQUEST

	ACTUAL FY92	ACTUAL FY93	ACTUAL FY94	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED	DIFF	% DIFF	FY96 percent of budget



AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOLS
20-Apr-95

Chart of Accounts Categorical Breakdown:

CATEGORY:	FY92 ACTUAL	FY93 ACTUAL	FY94 ACTUAL	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	FY96 percent of budget
PERSONNEL	7,478,258	7,598,329	7,993,746	8,477,031	8,601,325	124,294	1.47%	62.88%
EMPLOYEE INSUR	1,107,516	1,204,597	1,265,257	1,404,186	1,578,553	174,367	12.42%	11.54%
UTILITIES	384,712	397,353	398,196	433,161	435,776	2,615	0.60%	3.19%
REPAIR & MAINT	166,801	171,638	140,295	180,939	183,891	2,952	1.63%	1.34%
RENTAL/LEASES	24,928	8,646	5,520	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%	0.04%
OTHER SERVICES	82,692	78,694	71,790	69,410	75,150	5,740	8.27%	0.55%
PROF/TECH SERVICES	156,357	204,643	126,064	112,309	113,614	1,305	1.16%	0.83%
TUITION	511,363	511,744	583,226	720,948	754,994	34,046	4.72%	5.52%
TRANSPORTATION	848,832	848,576	858,460	870,285	894,727	24,442	2.81%	6.54%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIE	85,182	101,519	92,533	100,764	104,545	3,781	3.75%	0.76%
EDUC SUPPLIES	205,426	211,882	222,275	249,902	254,877	4,975	1.99%	1.86%
OTHER:INSUR, ETC.	104,664	86,891	89,712	109,754	120,870	11,116	10.13%	0.88%
RESERVE ACCTS**	27,913	11,649	17,065	(148,085)	384,816	532,901	-359.86%	2.81%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	113,698	152,145	71,251	173,938	112,213	(61,725)	-35.49%	0.82%
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0.00%
OTHER	43,653	42,015	39,271	53,843	58,625	4,782	8.88%	0.43%
	$11,341,995	$11,630,321	$11,974,661	$12,813,185	$13,678,776	$865,591	6.76%	100.00%
TRANS LUNCH REV**	90,000	37,500	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0.00%
OTHER ADJ/TRANSFER:	0	0	75136	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0.00%
	$11,431,995	$11,667,821	$12,049,797	$12,813,185	$13,678,776	865,591	6.76%	100.00%

Chart of Accounts Categorical Breakdown:
Percentage of Total

CATEGORY:	FY92 ACTUAL	FY93 ACTUAL	FY94 ACTUAL	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED
PERSONNEL	65.42%	65.12%	66.34%	66.16%	62.88%
EMPLOYEE INSUR	9.69%	10.32%	10.50%	10.96%	11.54%
UTILITIES	3.37%	3.41%	3.30%	3.38%	3.19%
REPAIR & MAINT	1.46%	1.47%	1.16%	1.41%	1.34%
RENTAL/LEASES	0.22%	0.07%	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
OTHER SERVICES	0.72%	0.67%	0.60%	0.54%	0.55%
PROF/TECH SERVICES	1.37%	1.75%	1.05%	0.88%	0.83%
TUITION	4.47%	4.39%	4.84%	5.63%	5.52%
TRANSPORTATION	7.43%	7.27%	7.12%	6.79%	6.54%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIE	0.75%	0.87%	0.77%	0.79%	0.76%
EDUC SUPPLIES	1.80%	1.82%	1.84%	1.95%	1.86%
OTHER:INSUR, ETC.	0.92%	0.74%	0.74%	0.86%	0.88%
RESERVE ACCTS**	0.24%	0.10%	0.14%	-1.16%	2.81%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.99%	1.30%	0.59%	1.36%	0.82%
DEBT SERVICE	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
OTHER	0.38%	0.36%	0.33%	0.42%	0.43%
	99.21%	99.68%	99.38%	100.00%	100.00%
TRANS LUNCH REV**	0.79%	0.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
OTHER ADJ	0.00%	3.00%	0.62%	0.00%	0.00%
	100.00%	100.00%	99.38%	100.00%	100.00%

Chart of Accounts Categorical Breakdown: (% Change From Prior FY)

CATEGORY:	FY92 ACTUAL	FY93 ACTUAL	FY94 ACTUAL	FY95 CURRENT	FY96 REQUESTED
PERSONNEL	1.83%	1.61%	5.20%	6.05%	1.47%
EMPLOYEE INSUR	-0.03%	8.77%	5.04%	10.98%	12.42%
UTILITIES	13.49%	3.29%	0.21%	8.78%	0.60%
REPAIR & MAINT	0.32%	2.90%	-18.26%	28.97%	1.63%
RENTAL/LEASES	5.97%	-65.32%	-36.16%	-13.04%	0.00%
OTHER SERVICES	41.02%	-4.83%	-8.77%	-3.32%	8.27%
PROF/TECH SERVICES	-1.66%	30.88%	-38.40%	-10.91%	1.16%
TUITION	-5.09%	0.07%	13.97%	23.61%	4.72%
TRANSPORTATION	0.43%	-0.03%	1.16%	1.38%	2.81%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIE	-0.82%	19.18%	-8.85%	8.90%	3.75%
EDUC SUPPLIES	-3.70%	3.14%	4.91%	12.43%	1.99%
OTHER:INSUR, ETC.	0.66%	-16.98%	3.25%	22.34%	10.13%
RESERVE ACCTS**	29.10%	-58.27%	46.49%	-967.77%	-359.86%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	20.94%	33.82%	-53.17%	144.12%	-35.49%
DEBT SERVICE	-100.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
OTHER	2.46%	-3.75%	-6.53%	37.11%	8.88%
SUB TOTAL	4.92%	2.54%	2.96%	7.00%	6.76%
TRANS LUNCH REV**	5.88%	-58.33%	-100.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
OTHER ADJ	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-100.00%	#DIV/0!
TOTAL %	0.83%	2.06%	3.27%	6.34%	6.76%

CHART OF ACCOUNTS CATEGORICAL BREAKDOWN:

PERSONNEL: Includes all union and non-union personnel costs; administration (central & building), instruction (teachers/para-professionals/subs), clerical & media, custodial-maintenance, crossing guards, drivers, coaches, extra-curricular, and other.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE: Worker's Comp, Unemployment, Health & Life, Retirement, Medicare, LEAP & EAP.

UTILITIES: Heating, Electric, Water, Telephones, Gasoline, etc.

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE: Contracted services for Buildings & Grounds, Equipment, Vehicles, etc.

RENTALS & LEASES: Equipment, Films, Other Rentals.

OTHER SERVICES: Printing, Trash Removal, Snow Removal, Advertising, Fees, etc.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES: Legal, Financial (audits), Collective Bargaining, Engineering/Architectural, Medical/Psychological consultations, etc.

TUITION: Payments for SPED Out-of-District placements, Vocational/Technical Schools, Hampshire Educational Collaborative, etc.

TRANSPORTATION: Regular Day, SPED, Vocational, Bilingual, Field Trips, Athletics, etc. (except salary for drivers---see personnel).

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES: Office, Building, Custodial, Maintenance, Grounds, Vehicle, Medical, etc.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES: Texts, Instructional supplies, Library & Media materials, Professional books, Athletic supplies, etc.

OTHER: Staff Travel, Professional Dues, Insurance (Liability, property, vehicle, boiler, etc.).

RESERVE ACCOUNTS: (921 Accounts) - reserved for contract negotiations, staff increases & decreases, staff turnover, and current year budget funds to be unexpended to offset anticipated revenue shortfalls; (331 Accounts) - Staff Development Program; (125 Accounts) - SPED contingencies for new students and/or unanticipated needs/programs per student educational plans; (522 Accounts) - Building repair & maintenance contingencies.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Improvement of Buildings, Grounds, New & Replacement of Equipment, to include Vehicles, etc.

DEBT SERVICE: Principal & Interest payments to retire debt.

OTHER: Data Processing Assessments, etc.

TRANSFER TO LUNCH REVOLVING: Appropriated funds are transferred to the Lunch Revolving Account to consolidate Expenditures, Revenues and Fund Balance.

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUPIL ENROLLMENT (FTE):

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*84	1796.4	23.1	1.30%		
*85	1813.3	16.9	0.94%		
*86	1757.6	-55.7	-3.07%	-55.7	-3.07%
*87	1714.8	-42.8	-2.44%	-98.5	-5.43%
*88	1605.1	-109.7	-6.40%	-208.2	-11.48%
*89	1523.0	-82.1	-5.11%	-290.3	-16.01%
*90	1467.2	-55.8	-3.66%	-346.1	-19.09%
*91	1516.6	49.4	3.37%	-296.7	-16.36%
*92	1514.8	-1.8	-0.12%	-298.5	-16.46%
*93	1555.8	41.0	2.71%	-257.5	-14.20%
*94	1661.5	105.7	6.79%	-151.8	-8.37%
#95	1715.0	53.5	3.22%	-98.3	-5.42%
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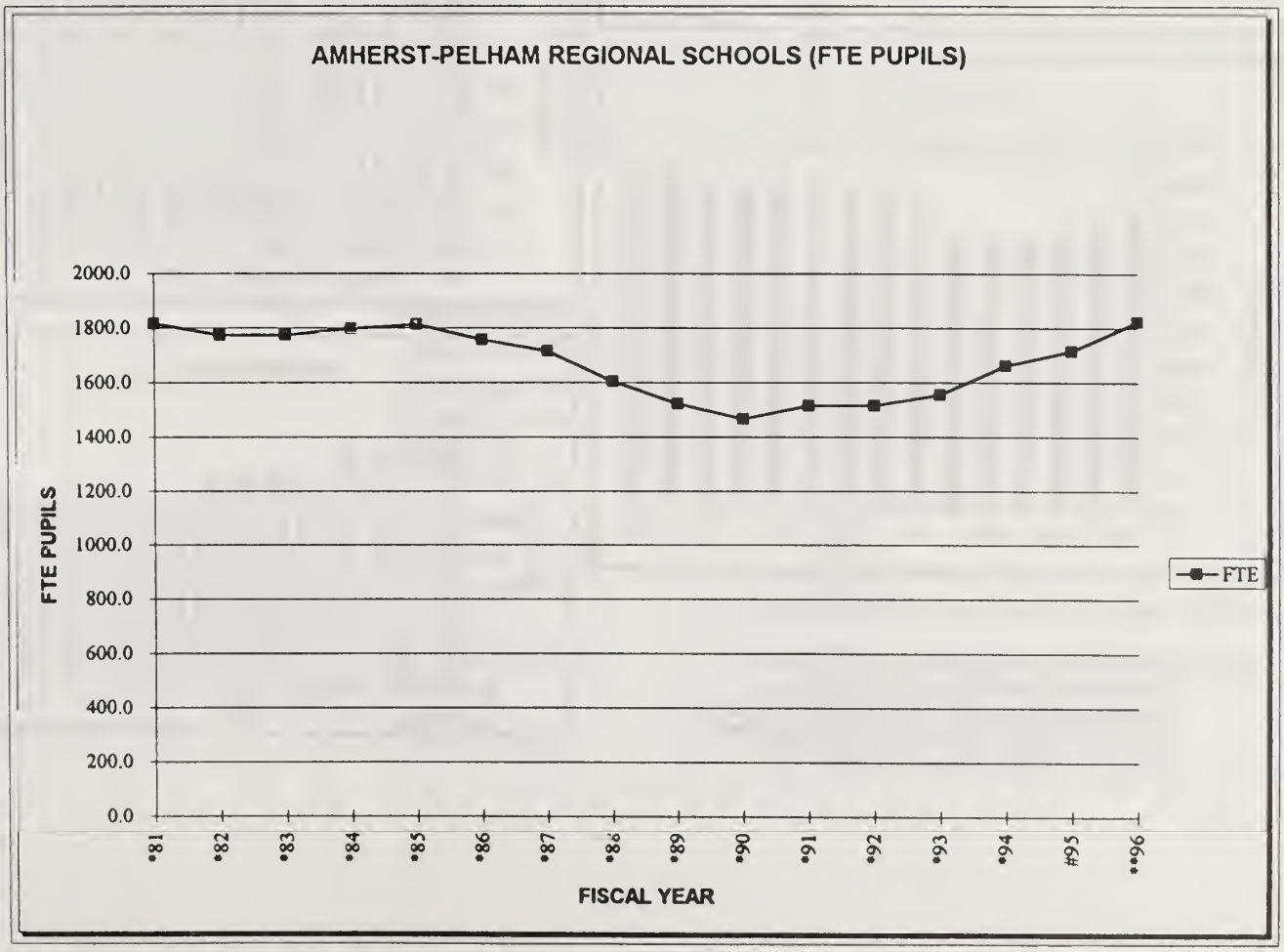

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT (FTE)

STATE RPT FY	BUDGET FY	FTE AMH	FTE PEL	FTE LEV	FTE SHUT	TOTAL FTE
FY94	FY96	1,315.1	79.0	137.9	129.5	1,661.5
FY93	FY95	1,230.2	76.9	127.9	120.8	1,555.8
FY92	FY94	1,196.2	92.8	114.7	111.1	1,514.8
FY91	FY93	1,208.3	84.0	111.9	112.3	1,516.6
FY90	FY92	1,160.2	95.1	114.2	97.7	1,467.2
FY89	FY91	1,191.0	103.4	125.3	103.3	1,523.0
FY88	FY90	1,260.4	117.6	126.9	100.2	1,605.1
FY87	FY89	1,370.1	115.8	134.6	94.3	1,714.8
FY86	FY88	1,421.4	114.3	132.1	89.8	1,757.6
FY85	FY87	1,478.6	116.5	130.6	87.6	1,813.3
FY84	FY86	1,459.5	122.2	126.8	87.9	1,796.4
FY83	FY85	1,444.3	119.1	126.9	83.0	1,773.3
FY82	FY84	1,454.0	110.4	125.5	84.8	1,774.7
FY81	FY83	1,477.0	121.2	127.8	91.0	1,817.0
FY80	FY82	1,516.7	118.2	132.6	89.0	1,856.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY96	1,222.0	85.6	121.3	114.3	1,543.2
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY95	1,197.2	90.4	118.8	109.0	1,515.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY94	1,203.2	98.6	118.6	104.9	1,525.3
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY93	1,238.0	103.2	122.6	101.6	1,565.3
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY92	1,280.6	109.2	126.6	97.1	1,613.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY91	1,344.3	113.5	129.9	95.0	1,682.8
4 YR MOV-AVG	FY90	1,382.6	116.1	131.1	93.0	1,722.7
3 YR MOV-AVG	FY89	1,350.6	115.9	131.2	94.8	1,692.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY96	79.19%	5.54%	7.86%	7.41%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY95	79.00%	5.97%	7.84%	7.20%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY94	78.88%	6.46%	7.78%	6.88%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY93	79.09%	6.59%	7.83%	6.49%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY92	79.37%	6.77%	7.85%	6.01%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY91	79.89%	6.75%	7.72%	5.65%	100.00%
4 YR MOV-AVG %	FY90	80.26%	6.74%	7.61%	5.40%	100.00%
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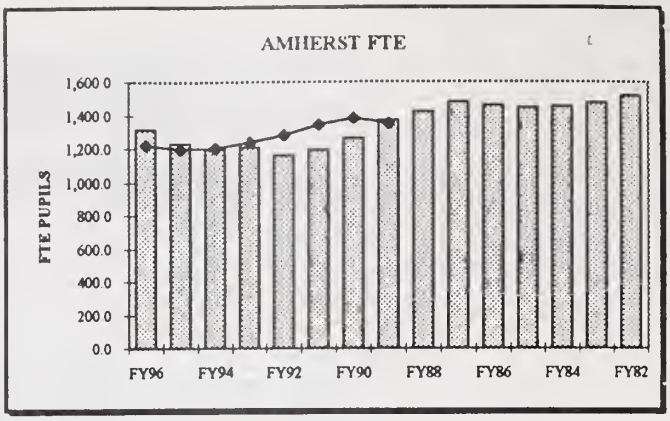

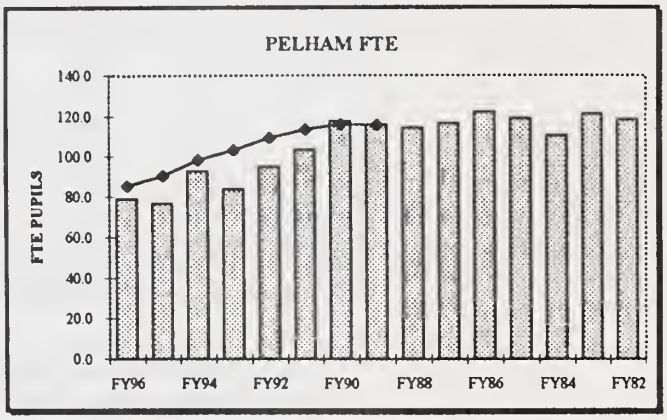

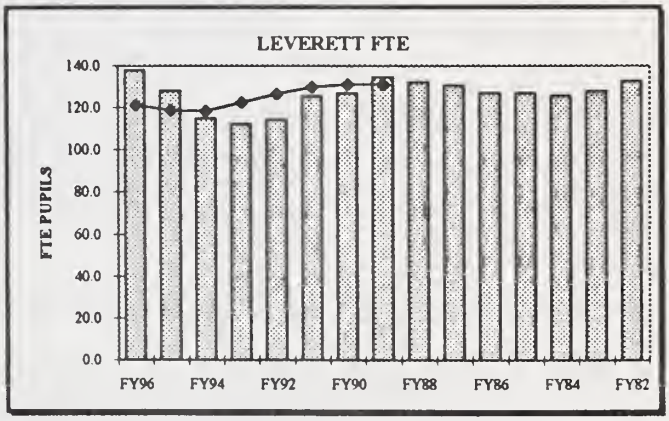

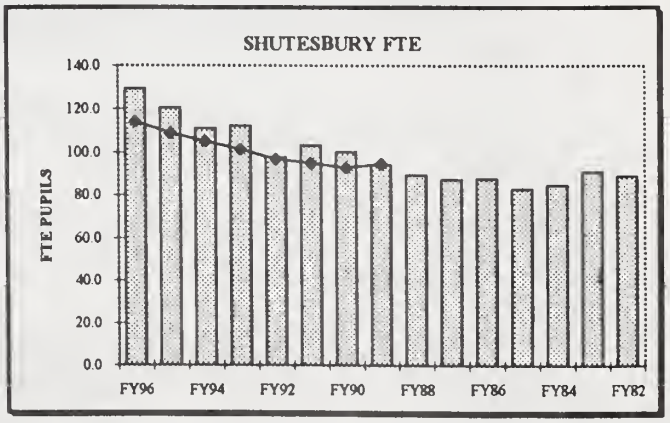

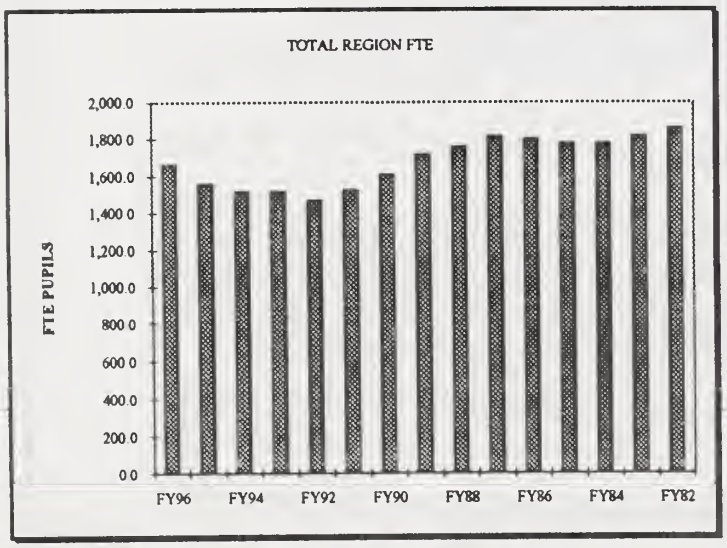

NOTE: ANNUAL FTE (Bar), MOVING AVERAGE (Line)

NOTE: THE ENROLLMENTS DISPLAYED HERE ARE ASSESSMENT ENROLLMENTS. THESE LAG ACTUAL ENROLLMENT FIGURES BY TWO YEARS i.e. FY95 MOVING AVERAGE IS COMPRISED OF FY93, FY92, FY91, FY90, and FY89.

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STAFF Full Time Equivalency (FTE) Summary

	FY95 Current	FY96 Proposed	Diff.
ADMINISTRATORS	8.56	8.56	0.00
TEACHERS	155.40	160.55	5.15
PARAPROFESSIONAL	44.59	44.59	0.00
CLERICAL/MEDIA	24.81	24.73	-0.08
MAINT/CUST/TRANSP (1)	26.53	26.53	0.00
NURSES	1.00	1.00	0.00

Includes Grant funded positions: SPED (Para 4.86; Tch 2.95); Other (Health 2.4)
Not counted CH1 Coop: Tch 7.30; Para 4.57; Cler .49

FY95 Projected & FY95 Current: Teachers + 3.66 grants; Para's + 4.29 SPED ($ from SPED Reserve); Clerical +1.0 correct FY95 data, +.25 DP Coop, +.21 Revolving Acct $ no longer available to cover existing position

NOTE: (1) The distribution of Drivers between Region and Amherst varies from year to year depending on the actual routes/students transported. This reallocation is necessary per State Transportation Aid (reimbursement).
(2) Food service personnel are paid entirely from non-appropriation receipts (sales, federal and state reimbursements) and the workers FTE does not appear above.

STUDENTS

GRADE	1-Oct-94	1995-96		
7	358	355		
8	334	362		
9	268	321		
10	307	295		
11	239	281		
12	216	217		
TOTAL	1,722	1,831	Diff.	109

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

Junior High:		
	Boys' gym lockers	$10,000
	Repair gym bleachers	10,000
	Finish energy mgt.	10,000
	Pool ceiling fans	6,000
	Regrout pool	2,500
	Locks for lockers	5,000
	Floor stripper	5,000
	Floor buffer	3,500
	Improve drainage	5,000
Senior High:		
	HS track drainage	5,000
Other:	Boroscope	2,000
	SPED van	20,000
		$84,000

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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FY	FTE	EXPENSE	$ PER FTE	CHANGE $/FTE	PERCENT CHANGE
*86	1757.6	$8,225,828	$4,680	—	—
*87	1714.8	8,916,572	5,200	520	11.10%
*88	1605.1	9,547,784	5,948	749	14.40%
*89	1523.0	10,274,297	6,746	798	13.41%
*90	1467.2	10,810,980	7,368	622	9.23%
*91	1516.6	11,337,915	7,476	107	1.46%
*92	1514.8	11,440,967	7,553	77	1.03%
*93	1555.8	11,667,821	7,500	-53	-0.70%
*94	1661.5	12,049,797	7,252	-247	-3.30%
#95	1715.0	12,813,185	7,471	219	3.02%
**96	1824.0	13,678,776	7,499	28	0.38%

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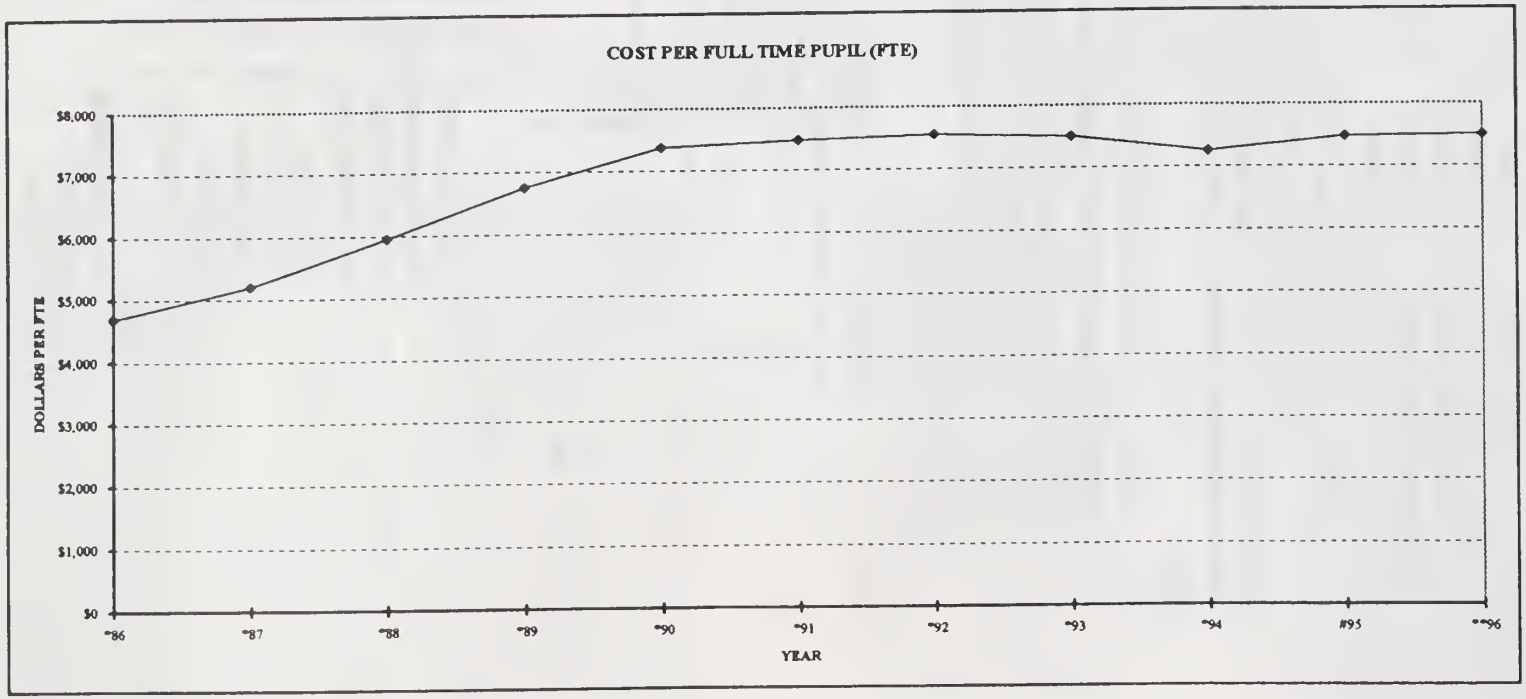

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place,
Boston, MA 02108-1698

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

June 30, 1995

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk
P.O. Box 178
Leverett, MA 01054

Dear Ms. Kelty:

I return the amendment to the zoning by-laws adopted under article 12, and the amendment to the general by-laws adopted under article 15, all of the warrant for the April 29, 1995, annual Leverett town meeting, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A Abbott

Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General

Enc.

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

ACTION TAKEN AT LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON APRIL 29, 1995

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts* to read "the last Saturday in March at 9:00am," instead of "the last Saturday in April at 9:30am." A complete text of the change is on file with the Town Clerk.

FINAL WORDING:

"To amend Article 41-4 of the Code of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts to read "the last Saturday in March or the first Saturday in April which is not a holiday weekend at 9:00am."

Vote: Yes - 39, No - 7. Motion carried.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'ANN SAUER KELTY
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

ACTION TAKEN AT LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON APRIL 29, 1995

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following to Section 2234 thereof after the line beginning "Other retail stores and services": "Small scale environmentally sensitive craft production and manufacturing, consistent with neighborhood character N N SP* SP*"

Ken Kahn: I move that the Town vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following to Section 2234 thereof after the line beginning "Other retail stores and services": "Small scale environmentally sensitive craft production , consistent with neighborhood character N N SP* SP*".
Seconded. Vote taken (2/3 vote required): Yes: 60; No: 14. Motion carried.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'ANN SAUER KELTY
TOWN CLERK

(see attached copy of existing table to better understand the text)

Principal Uses. (For Accessory uses, see Section 2240.)	D I S T R I C T RV	RR	GB	COM
Restaurant, including take-out or drive-in service	N	N	SP	SP
Private commercial indoor recreation facility or club	N	N	SP	SP
Junkyard, salvage yard	N	N	N	N
Sawmill (see definition)	N	SP	SP	SP
Gasoline service stations	N	N	SP	SP
Automobile sales and repair	N	N	SP	SP
Sales, service, or storage of trucks, tractors, farm or construction equipment	N	N	SP	SP
Business or professional offices	N	N	SP	SP
Bank	N	N	Y	Y
Retail grocery or general store	SP*	N	Y	Y
Other retail stores and services	N	N	SP	SP
Manufacturing, production, assembly, or processing firm	N	N	N	SP
Research facility	N	N	SP	SP
Bulk storage, warehouse	N	N	N	SP
Sale or storage of feed, fuel, lumber or building supplies	N	N	N	SP
Transportation or private bus terminal	N	N	N	N
Farm stand, seasonal	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kennels	N	SP	SP	SP
Nursing home, funeral home	SP	SP	SP	SP
Ready-mix concrete plant	N	N	N	N
2235. Other Principal Uses.				
Having attributes similar to a use permitted (Y or SP) above	SP	SP	SP	SP
Other principal uses	N	N	N	N

* = Special permit to be issued by the Planning Board

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendment to the zoning by-laws adopted under article 12, and the amendment to the general by-laws adopted under article 15, all of the warrant for the April 29, 1995, annual Leverett town meeting, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jonathan A. Abbott

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Assistant Attorney General

Date: June 30, 1995

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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INSURANCE (VICE CHAIRMAN)
NATURAL RESOURCES (VICE CHAIRMAN)
WAYS AND MEANS
STATE ADMINISTRATION

May 26, 1995

D'Ann Kelty, Town Clerk
Town of Leverett
Leverett, MA 01054

Dear D'Ann,

Thank you for contacting me to let me know of the resolutions approved by residents of the Town of Leverett at the April 1995 Town Meeting. I have heard from many people who have expressed their opposition to such a site in Massachusetts and for local control in the siting process.

I have monitored this issue for some time now, and am convinced that the federal government made a serious mistake in delegating the disposal and siting responsibilities to the states. States and waste generators have been forced to think about the difficulties and responsibilities of disposing the waste, which has resulted in serious source reduction. However, the liabilities associated with siting may also lead to a proliferation of waste facilities across the country, which we can neither afford environmentally or fiscally. What is needed is small handful of well managed and closely monitored sites.

I think that Massachusetts is in a moral dilemma because while we are one of the country's largest waste producers, we are geologically not well suited for such a site. Much of Massachusetts' waste is produced as a result of medical research and the delivery of medical care. While we benefit economically and socially as the nation's leader in medicine, we have not figured out a way out of the disposal dilemma.

Finally, one of my major interests in policy development is to be sure that people have a say in policies that affect their lives. I will support efforts to ensure that there are mechanisms and resources to ensure thoughtful and constructive public participation in siting decisions.

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I hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Stan

STAN ROSENBERG
State Senator

Form 1 (revised 1/91)

Town: LEVERETT

Date: June 12, 1995

Attorney General Scott Harshbarger
One Ashburton Place, Room 2019
Boston, Massachusetts 02108
Attn: By-Laws

Dear Attorney General Harshbarger:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, I hereby request approval of the enclosed amendments to town by-laws.

1. Town Meeting (check only one): Annual X Special ____

   Fall Annual ____

2. Date Town Meeting (TM) First Convened: April 29, 1995

3. Date(s) of Adjourned Sessions: -----

4. Warrant articles (numbers) to be acted upon:

   (a) Zoning: 11 (failed) 12

   (b) Historic District: ----

   (c) General: 15

   (d) Charter Amendment: ----

5. Maps: warrant articles (numbers) with maps to be approved:

   not applicable

6. Town Counsel: Richard Howland

   Address: PO Box 2300
   Amherst, MA 01004-2300

   Phone: (413) 549-4570

7. Town Clerk: D'Ann Sauer Kelty

   Signature: ____

   Address: Box 178
   Leverett, MA 01054

   Phone: (413) 548-9150

Form 2 (revised 1/91)

Town: LEVERETT

Date TM Convened: April 29, 1995

FINAL BY-LAWS AS VOTED BY TOWN MEETING

TWO certified copies of all of the articles to be acted upon are attached to this page (stapled, if not too bulky), showing all of the following information for each article:

1. The date of final town meeting action on the article;

2. The complete final text of the article, with any floor amendments incorporated into the text;

3. The final vote of the town meeting, as follows:

If a two-thirds vote is required, the final vote must be certified either as being unanimous or the actual vote count must be shown. The actual vote count must be given if the vote is not unanimous. Certifications such as "unanimous but one" or "unanimous but a few" do not suffice if the actual count is required. A two-thirds vote is required for zoning by-laws (G.L. c. 40A, § 5) and historic district by-laws (G.L. c. 40C, § 3). Other state statutes or town charters or by-laws may also require a counted vote.

If a two-thirds vote is not required, the final vote may be certified as "a majority", "unanimous", or by the actual count.

NOTE: It is preferable that each final by-law as voted by town meeting (with all of the information described above) be submitted on a separate page, in case some articles are ready for approval or disapproval by the Attorney General before others.

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

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Bank	N	N	Y	Y
Retail grocery or general store	SP*	N	Y	Y
Other retail stores and services	N	N	SP	SP
Manufacturing, production, assembly, or processing firm	N	N	N	SP
Research facility	N	N	SP	SP
Bulk storage, warehouse	N	N	N	SP
Sale or storage of feed, fuel, lumber or building supplies	N	N	N	SP
Transportation or private bus terminal	N	N	N	N
Farm stand, seasonal	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kennels	N	SP	SP	SP
Nursing home, funeral home	SP	SP	SP	SP
Ready-mix concrete plant	N	N	N	N
2235. Other Principal Uses.				
Having attributes similar to a use permitted (Y or SP) above	SP	SP	SP	SP
Other principal uses	N	N	N	N

* = Special permit to be issued by the Planning Board

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

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A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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D'ANN SAUER KELTY
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D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'ANN SAUER KELTY
TOWN CLERK

Form 4 (revised 1/91) Town: LEVERETT

Date TM Convened: April 29, 1995

TOWN MEETING CERTIFICATION

1. Quorum

According to town charter or by-law, the quorum requirement for town meeting is 5% registered voters. (Write "0" if town has no quorum requirement.) I hereby certify that a quorum was present at the town meeting, including any adjourned sessions thereof.

Attest: D'Ann Sauer Kelty Date: 6/12/95
Town Clerk

2. Service of the warrant

I hereby certify that:

(a) the service of the town meeting warrant was in accordance with (1) town by-law or (2) a previous vote of the town or (3) a procedure previously accepted by the Attorney General;

(b) notice of any adjournments of the town meeting was made in accordance with town by-law or previous town meeting vote.

Attest: D'Ann Sauer Kelty Date: 6/12/95

3. Attachments

(a) the complete warrant is attached and it includes the opening of the warrant, the closing of the warrant, and the officer's return of service.

(b) One certified copy of any amendments made on the floor of the town meeting before the final vote under each of the articles to be acted upon is stapled to this page, showing the following:

1. the number of the warrant article to which the amendment(s) referred;

2. the full text of the amendment(s);

3. the vote taken on the amendment(s) at the town meeting (e.g., "a majority", "unanimous", or the actual vote count).

TOWN OF LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 29, 1995

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 29th day of April next, at 9:30 in the forenoon (9:30 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town bylaws.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

Article Three: To see if the Town will authorize the selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of highways, purchase of a backhoe, or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed $25,000 into the Reserve Account.
Sponsors: Selectboard, Finance Committee

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of $1,500 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.
Sponsors: Selectboard, Conservation Commission

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or take from available funds a sum of $15,000 to be used for engineering services for Landfill Closure.
Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of $1900 to pay the remaining costs of the photocopy machine in the Town Hall.
Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of $820 to purchase a communications radio for the highway department pickup truck.
Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $30,000 to be put into the Stabilization Account.
Sponsors: Selectboard, Capital Planning Committee

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash a sum of money equal to the amount received for the sale of the 1967 Chevrolet fire truck to be used to purchase equipment for use with the new mini-pumper.

Sponsors: Selectboard, Fire Department

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Leverett by changing from Rural Residence to General Business the land presently in the Rural Residence district and located northerly of Depot Road, easterly of Long Plain Road (Route 63) and westerly and southerly of the Central Vermont Railroad tracks. A complete copy of the proposed map is available from the Town Clerk.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning By-Law by adding the following to Section 2234 thereof after the line beginning "Other retail stores and services":
"Small scale environmentally sensitive craft production and manufacturing, consistent with neighborhood character N N SP* SP*"

Sponsor: Planning Board

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53e and 1/2 for the purpose of producing the biannual town telephone book. Monies will be collected from advertisers for the phone book, credited to the "Telephone Book Revolving Fund" and expended by the Newsletter Editor and Town Clerk without further appropriation.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53e and 1/2 for proceeds from *Roads of Leverett* sales. Monies will be deposited in the "Roads of Leverett Revolving Fund." At the end of each year, profits from these proceeds will be split equally between the Leverett Library Building Fund and the LEAF Trust Fund (Leverett Elementary Arts Fund) to be expended without further appropriation.

Sponsor: Selectboard

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Sponsor: Citizen's petition

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, on February 16, 1994, the Massachusetts Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board voted to look for a site for the disposal of radioactive waste within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, the "low-level" radioactive waste as currently defined includes radioactive material that is toxic and dangerous for thousands, even millions of years; and

Whereas, if any radioactive waste "disposal facility" were established within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it would be required to accept radioactive waste from producers outside of as well as within the Commonwealth,

1. Now therefore, be it resolved and voted by the Town of Leverett that we are opposed to the siting of any radioactive waste disposal facility in the Town of Leverett.

2. Be it further resolved that the Massachusetts Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board be notified that they should not proceed with the siting of a radioactive waste "disposal facility" in the Commonwealth at this time, but instead:

a. Make source reduction, volume reduction and elimination of radioactive wastes their primary management method, by writing, adopting and enforcing a detailed and aggressive plan for source reduction and elimination;

b. Make plans to reclassify and separate radioactive wastes by toxicity, intensity and duration;

c. Hold producers of radioactive wastes responsible for all present and future costs of the management, transportation, monitoring, storage and long-term environmental and health effects of radioactive waste; and

d. Join with other states in a regional compact to provide less costly, more efficient and safer solutions to storing and monitoring low level radioactive waste than can be accomplished by states individually.

3. Be it further resolved that our Representatives in the Legislatures of the Commonwealth be notified that citizens from any community which has been targeted to "host" a radioactive waste facility, and adjacent communities also, must have the authority to vote to approve or reject the siting of such a facility, and

4. Be it resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to call upon President Clinton, at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500, to establish an independent commission to publicly and comprehensively review our national radioactive waste policy and policies affecting the production of radioactive wastes.

Sponsor: Selectboard

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of March, 1995.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

I have served this Warrant as directed therein: Constable

April 17. 1995

Ethan Howard R.

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

Action taken at Leverett Annual Town Meeting, April 29, 1995

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Peter May: I move that the Town vote to amend Article 41-4 of the *Code of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts* to read "the last Saturday in March at 9:00am," instead of "the last Saturday in April at 9:30am."

Seconded. After some discussion, Mr. May and the seconder allowed a friendly amendment to read "the last Saturday in March or the first Saturday in April which is not a holiday weekend at 9:00am."

Finance Committee had not considered this article.

Vote: Yes - 39, No - 7. Motion carried.

A true copy attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Form 5 (revised 1/91)

Town: LEVERETT

Date TM Convened: April 29, 1995

EXISTING BY-LAWS BEING AMENDED

One certified copy of the existing by-law being amended should be attached to this page (stapled, if not too bulky) if the substance of the proposed amendment is not readily understandable from the language in the article in the warrant. On each such existing by-law, please identify the number of the warrant article to which it relates.

NOTES:

1. A copy of the existing by-law is usually needed by the Attorney General when reviewing minor technical changes in current by-laws, amendments to tables showing uses permitted in different zoning districts, or amendments which merely recodify or reorganize lengthy by-laws which have already been approved by the Attorney General but which involve little or no substantive changes.

2. It would be most helpful to the Attorney General's office if the clerk would mark the existing by-law being amended to show what sections are being amended and what sections are remaining unchanged.

3. If the by-laws being submitted to the Attorney General are readily understandable from the language in the warrant, please do not include this form in the package mailed to the Attorney General.

Excerpt from Leverett Zoning Bylaws ARTICLE 12

easement center or layout lines, boundary or lot lines at water body shoreline or the channel of a stream, shall be construed to be actually at those lines; when shown approximately parallel, perpendicular, or at an angle to such lines shall be construed to be actually parallel, perpendicular, or at an angle thereto. When not located in any other way, boundaries shall be determined by scale from the map.

2130. Existing Lots. Where a district boundary line divides any lot existing at the time such line is adopted, the use regulations for any district in which the lot has frontage on a street may be extended not more than forty (40) feet into the other district.

2200. Use Regulations.

2210. General. No structure shall be erected or used or land used except as set forth in Section 2230, "Use Regulation Schedule", or in Section 2240, "Accessory Buildings and Uses", unless exempted by Section 2240, or by statute.

Symbols employed below shall mean the following:

Y	-	A permitted use.
N	-	An excluded or prohibited use.
SP	-	A use authorized under special permit as provided under Section 5300.

2220. Applicability. When an activity might be classified under more than one of the following uses, the more specific classification shall govern; if equally specific, the more restrictive shall govern.

2230. Use Regulation Schedule.

Principal Uses. (For Accessory uses, see Section 2240.)	D I RV	S T RR	R I GB	C T COM
2231. Residential Uses.				
One-family dwelling incl. mobile homes	Y	Y	Y	Y
Two-family dwelling	Y	Y	Y	Y
Multi-family dwelling (3 or more units)	N	N	N	N
Flexible Development	SP*	SP*	N	N

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Leverett Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

§ 41-2. Moderator; Assistant Moderator.

A. A Moderator shall be elected as provided in Ch. 3, Art. I, of this Code. The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Town Meeting, regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, make public declaration of all votes and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned through General Law, this Code or vote of the Town Meeting.

B. An Assistant Moderator may assist in the conduct of any business and may preside at any meeting in the Moderator's absence, with further succession as provided in MGL C. 39, § 14.

§ 41-3. Powers and responsibilities.

The Town Meeting shall consider and act upon all proposed bylaws and bylaw amendments; all proposed budgets, bond issues and other financial proposals of the town; and all other questions of a legislative nature or other proposals which may properly come before it.

ARTICLE 15 →

§ 41-4. Date and hour of meetings.

The Annual Town Meeting and election of officers shall take place regularly on the last Saturday in April at 9:30 a.m. Special Town Meetings shall convene at such other times as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen or through petition by at least twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters of the town or of two hundred (200) registered voters, whichever number is the lesser, as provided in the General Law.

§ 41-5. Petition for Warrant Article.

Any ten (10) voters of the town may secure, by written petition to the Board of Selectmen, the inclusion of an Article for the warrant of any duly scheduled Annual Town Meeting, and at least ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the town may secure the same for any duly scheduled Special Town Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of General Law.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Leverett Town Clerk

Form 6 (revised 1/91) Town: LEVERETT

Date TM Convened: April 29, 1995

ZONING ARTICLES PROCEDURES

1. I hereby certify that the following persons were the members of the Town Planning Board at the time the zoning articles being acted upon were considered:

Kenneth Kahn	Jenny Daniell
Robert Hursh	Jeff McQueen
Sidney Poritz	Van Stoddard Ben Minks

Attest: D'Ann Sauer Kelty Date: 6/12/95
Town Clerk

2. For each zoning article, please state the date of the relevant Planning Board hearing and the date of the town meeting vote:

Article No(s).	Hearing Date	Date of TM Vote
12	4/26/95	4/29/95

3. Did the Planning Board issue a written or oral report containing its recommendations on the zoning articles to the town meeting:

Yes X

Oral _____

Written X (if written, please attach report to this page)

No _____

4. Within the two years prior to the most recent town meeting, did the town meeting take unfavorable action on any of the zoning articles that the Attorney General is now being asked to review?

Yes _____ Article Nos.: _____

No X

If yes, did the Planning Board recommend the adoption of those articles to this most recent town meeting?

Yes _____ No _____

Report by the Planning Board to the Town Meeting on Proposed Zoning By-Laws presented to the Town of Leverett annual Town Meeting to be held April 29, 1995.

Both Articles have been posted and published and a public hearing was held thereon in the Leverett Town Hall on April 26, 1995, all in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 5. The Planning board has voted to recommend approval of both articles to the Town Meeting.

Article Twelve: The present zoning by-laws do not permit any craft production within the General Business District. Article Twelve would allow small scale craft production only after a special permit was granted for such purpose by the Planning Board. The special permit requirement would allow the control by the Planning Board, after a public hearing, by use of conditions to any granted special permit, to insure the appropriateness of the proposed project to the neighborhood. The Planning Board believes that permitting small scale craft production in the General Business district is appropriate and beneficial to the Town.

Article Eleven: Leverett presently has very little area zoned General Business. The main area is along Route 63 north and south of the intersection of Depot Road. This Article would extend the current area from its northerly boundary located approximately 400 feet north of Depot Road to the intersection with the railroad. The Planning Board felt that this land bounded by the railroad on the North and the East, Route 63 on the West and an existing General Business District on the South would be the most appropriate place in Leverett for an increase in the General Business District.

Form 7 (revised 1/91) Town: LEVERETT

Date TM Convened: April 29, 1995

ZONING PROCEDURES ATTACHMENTS

One certified copy of each of the following documents is stapled to this page (please check off):

1. X the notice(s) of the public hearing(s) held by the Planning Board (or other board) on the proposed zoning changes, showing

   (a) both dates of publication;

   (b) the name of the newspaper of general circulation in the town in which the notice was published;

   (c) the article number to which each item in the notice relates (this may be marked on the advertisement by the clerk, by hand).

2. X a certificate from the Planning Board (or other board) that notice of its hearing was posted in a conspicuous place in the town hall at least 14 days before the date of the hearing;

3. X a certificate from the Planning Board (or other board) that notice of its hearing was sent by mail, postage prepaid, to:

   (a) the Department of Community Affairs;

   (b) the regional planning agency;

   (c) the planning boards of all abutting cities and towns;

   (d) (if applicable) all non-resident property owners who have filed an annual request with the town clerk in accordance with local by-law or law.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE COPY OF THE NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES, WHICH NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 10, 1995 AND APRIL 17, 1995 IN THE DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE AND THE GREENFIELD RECORDER.

SAID NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE TOWN HALL BULLETIN BOARD, THE POST OFFICE AND THE NORTH LEVERETT STORE BULLETIN BOARD AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING.

SAID NOTICE WAS SENT BY MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND THE PLANNING BOARDS OF ALL ABUTTING CITIES AND TOWNS.

MAY 30, 1995

KENNETH P. KAHN,
CHAIRMAN, PLANNING BOARD

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS. MAY 30, 1995

Then personally appeared the above named Kenneth P. Kahn, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me,

Doreen Ryan, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/30/2001

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF LEVERETT PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Leverett will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m. at the Leverett Town Hall, Montague Road, Leverett, Massachusetts, to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to the Leverett Zoning By-Laws, all pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, s. 5. The proposed amendments would (i) change from rural residence to general business the land presently in the rural residence district and located northerly of Depot Road, easterly of Route 63 and westerly and southerly of the Central Vermont Railroad tracks and (ii) permit "small scale environmentally sensitive craft production consistent with neighborhood character" upon a Special Permit from the Planning Board in the General Business District and the Commercial District. The complete text of the amendments and the zoning map is on file with the Town Clerk and is available for inspection by interested persons during regular business hours.

Kenneth P. Kahn
Chairman, Planning Board

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She was a sports enthusiast.
Her husband died in 1987.
She leaves two sons, John E. oboda and David L. Svoboda, th of Northampton; a daugh-, Mary S. O'Donnell of Flor-ce; a brother, Joseph Vollinger Northampton; a sister, Irene alenta of Northampton; four randchildren; and seven great-randchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday Blessed Sacrament Church in orthampton.

Burial will be in St. Mary's emetery in Northampton.

There are no calling hours.

Pease Funeral Home of Nor-hampton is handling arrange-ments.

Memorial gifts may be made to the charity the donor' oice.

Maria A. Spence

AMHERST — Maria 'Marie' (Avery) Spence, 83, of 613 Lessey St., died Friday in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Smithfield, N.C., March 29, 1912, she was the daughter of the late Harrison and Salina (Leach) Avery.

She moved to Cushman Village, a section of Amherst, 59 years ago.

Mrs. Spence had worked for many years at the Douglass Funeral Home in Amherst, and also had been a housekeeper for several families in Amherst.

Deaths, Funerals, Calling Hours

Check this column every day for a listing of deaths of local interest and for the times of funerals and calling hours.

GIROUX

Evelyn (Michalik), Funeral Tuesday at 9am at the Messier Funeral Home followed by Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Sacrament Church at 10am. Burial in Notre Dame Cemetery. Call hours Monday 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm.

LAVELLE

in Agawam, April 5, Edward F. Lavelle, formerly of South Hadley and brother of Grace Knowles of South Hadley. Funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 9am from the Ryder Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10am from St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in St. Rose Cemetary, ll South Hadley. Visiting hours will preceed e funeral.

MADEJ

Vera in Sunderland, April 8. Beloved sister of Ray Madej of Jersey City, New Jersey, Edward Burek of Honesdale, Penn and Estelle V. Sarnecki of Holyoke. Aunt of several. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:15am from the Wrisley Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. James Church at 11am. Burial will be in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery. South Hadley. Visitation will be Tuesday morning from 9:30am until the time of the service.

SCHMIDT

John W. Schmidt, Greenfield, 84, of 80 Cleveland St. died 4/9/95 at the Buckley Nursing Home. Born in Greenfield, December 5, 1910. Son of the late John J. and Clara (Croustworst) Schmidt. Widower of Margaret (Johnson) who died in August 1988. Graduate from Greenfield High School in 1928 and has been a life-long resident. He was owner/operator of the John Schmidt Trucking Company of Greenfield for 60 years retiring in 1988. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, its Young People Organization as well as the Brotherhood of the ...mber of the former

Duplicate plates used to break law

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts began issuing sets of duplicate license plates to newly-registered drivers 18 months ago, and reenacted a law requiring motorists to display both plates.

The idea was to aid police trying to identify speeding or stolen cars.

But now it appears the state has created a new set of lawbreakers — people who attach their unused front plate to the back of stolen or unregistered and uninsured cars, the Boston Sunday Globe reported.

Police rarely enforce the two-plate law on recently-registered vehicles, because most cars with older registrations still can legally display a single, rear license plate.

The problem is particularly serious in the poorer neighborhoods of Boston, where residents have low incomes, yet face the state's highest car insurance rates.

The Globe found 15 instances of two cars bearing the same license plate in the Four Corners section of Dorchester, for example.

"Everybody does it, everybody who has more than one car," ...Miranda Banks, who lives in

Legal Notices

WANTED TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE IN CHICOPEE, HOLYOKE, NORTHAMPTON, SPRINGFIELD, OR WEST SPRINGFIELD

On behalf of the Department of Mental Health Western Massachusetts Area Office, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Planning and Operations is requesting proposals to lease approximately 13,600 NUSF of office space and 1,600 of storage space in any of the above locations for a term of five years.

Proposals must be submitted to:
Office of Leasing and State Office Planning
One Ashburton Place, Room 1610
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Proposals must be submitted before the deadline of April 27, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals will be opened at that time.

To obtain a Request for Proposals (RFP), which includes instructions, specifications and a Proposal Form, please send a check or money order for $5.00 (no cash accepted), made payable to the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" to the Office of Leasing and State Office Planning at the above address. Please include your name, address, telephone and fax number or a business card, and cite the name of the agency seeking space and the RFP Project Number (940440.2).

For further information, please call (617) 727-8000 x 200 during business hours.

April 3, 10, 17

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Hampshire Division Docket No. 95P0168AA
NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF REGINA M. CARPENTER.

To all persons interested in the estate of REGINA M. CARPENTER late of Northampton, Hampshire County Date of Death November 21, 1993.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that the will of said deceased be allowed and that LYNN MATHEWSON of Shelburne in the County of Franklin or some other suitable person be appointed administratrix thereof, without giving surety on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Northampton Probate Court, 33 King St., Northampton, Ma. BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 19, 1995.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness Sean M. Dunphy
Esquire, First Justice of said Court.
Date March 28, 1995
Robert F. Czolowski

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
Public Review and Comment

The Air Quality Conformity Statement for the Pioneer Valley Region is available for a 30 day public review and comment period at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) office, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. The statement certifies that the 1995-1997 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment conditionally conforms to the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with Section 176(c)(4) of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990. Anyone wishing to receive a copy may call the PVPC office at (413) 781-6045. Comments are due at the PVPC office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, 1995.

April 8, 10, 11, 12, 13

PUBLIC HEARING

The Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 24, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House on the application of Charles T. Morey for a special permit under Section B4 B10 of the Zoning Bylaws to construct an art gallery on his property at 156 Nash Road.

Valerie Babcock, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

The Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 24, 1995 at 8:15 p.m. at the Community House on the application of ... Weinberg for (1) a special permit under Section B4 B10 of the Zoning Bylaws, to continue leatherworking business at former location at 1 Flat Iron Road; (2) a variance to enlarge workshop, currently with 20-foot setback from road, by 630 sq. ft. at same address.

Valerie Babcock, Clerk
April 10, 17

TOWN OF LEVERETT PLANNING BOARD

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Kenneth P. Kahn
Chairman, Planning Board
April 10, 17

ARTICLE 12

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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REPRESENTATIVE
1ST FRANKLIN DISTRICT
STATE HOUSE, ROOM 134
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ELIZA LAKE
DISTRICT AIDE

August 30, 1995

Leverett Selectboard
Town of Leverett
Montague Road
Leverett, MA 01054

Dear Selectboard,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Leverett's resolution concerning Low Level Radioactive Waste. My apologies for not responding sooner. I have read them carefully and appreciate all the work and thought that clearly went into developing the town's position.

I am in support of current legislation which, if passed, would allow communities to veto the siting of Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) dump in their town. I absolutely agree that this is a regional issue and that therefore, neighboring and abutting communities should have input into the decision as well.

I have looked at the issue of LLRW for a number of years, both before my election to the House and during my time here, and strongly believe that Massachusetts is unsuitable for a site. Based on population density, ground water supplies, and other factors I concluded that the risks were too high. Please be sure that I am actively monitoring the LLRW Board as they move through the process of siting a facility and will continue to oppose the construction of a dump in Massachusetts. I emphasize instead, a combined approach of source reduction and cooperation with other states.

Thank you for sharing your position with me. If I can be of further assistance I hope you will free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kulik
State Representative

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, 02202

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August 3, 1995

D'Ann S. Kelty
Town Clerk
Leverett, MA 01054

Dear Ms. Kelty:

Governor Weld has asked me to respond to your recent correspondence, regarding resolutions adopted by the Leverett Selectboard and Annual Town Meeting concerning the disposal of low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) in the Town of Leverett.

I understand your community's concerns about the siting of an LLRW facility. To assist the officials and citizens of Leverett in fully evaluating various issues pertaining to LLRW management, I am providing some additional information to correct the misunderstandings in the language of this resolution. For example:

- **The resolution says that LLRW is "toxic and dangerous for thousands, even millions of years."**

  An analysis of LLRW generated in Massachusetts during 1993 shows that after the waste is isolated from the public and the environment for 100 years, approximately 1.8% of the radioactivity will remain. After isolation for 500 years, only 0.1% of the activity will remain. This is due to the fact that unlike hazardous chemical waste, LLRW contains radioactive isotopes that decay spontaneously, and eventually become non-radioactive substances.

  What is important to remember about LLRW is that it contains only very small concentrations of long-lived radionuclides, thereby keeping the health risks from exposure at any time in the future to the low levels that are accepted based on today's health risk standards.

- **The resolution says that any LLRW disposal facility sited within the Commonwealth "would be required to accept LLRW from outside" Massachusetts.**

  That is an incorrect statement. While state law requires the Commonwealth to evaluate the economics of LLRW disposal, it

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does not dictate that a disposal facility must be a regional site. Indeed, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board has proposed four different facility sizes: two for Massachusetts-only LLRW, and two for possible regional facilities that would accept out-of-state waste. The Management Board has reviewed the economics of each option, and is certain that either choice is financially sound.

At some point the Board must decide what size facility is appropriate, and whether or not out-of-state LLRW will be accepted. The reason that the Board may consider accepting out-of-state waste is due to the fact that federal LLRW law provides an incentive to states that regionalize: any disposal facility for two or more states can exclude the importation of LLRW from outside that region, contrary to the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. What this means is that Massachusetts might decide to establish a region with one other state, in order to take advantage of the import restriction language of federal law. But such a "region" could be comprised of Massachusetts and the tiny generating state of Rhode Island.

Another way Massachusetts could deal with the importation exclusion would be to arrange a "region" in the same manner as has been done by Connecticut and New Jersey. Those two states formed a "region," but both states are siting LLRW facilities which will not accept LLRW from their partner state.

These solutions are possible, but as of yet undetermined, contrary to the wording of the resolution.

- **The resolution recommends that the Management Board cease its activities to site a disposal facility in favor of making source reduction, volume reduction and LLRW elimination "their primary management method."**

  The Management Board shares your concern about the need to reduce radioactive materials use and LLRW. State law contains provisions requiring waste minimization which have been described as the most rigorous in the nation. The Management Board and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) are implementing numerous measures to achieve such reductions, including enforceable regulations.

- **The resolution directs the Board to "make plans to reclassify and separate radioactive wastes by toxicity, intensity and duration."**

  The Management Board has taken that action. In December, 1993, the Board adopted a policy that will require long-lived LLRW to be segregated in the facility from short-lived waste.

This policy will enhance safety and efficiency in any retrieval of waste containers that may later be necessary or desirable.

In addition, state law requires, and the Management Board has adopted, a "total hazard" classification system to address the radiological toxicity as well as any chemical and biological hazards of this waste. The "total hazard" classification system goes beyond radiologic hazards (radiological toxicity and radioactive half-life) by encompassing other elements, including:

- The principal radionuclides present in the waste, and their concentrations.
- The specific activity of the LLRW.
- The chemical and biological toxicity and form (liquid or solid) of the LLRW.
- The chemical reactivity of the LLRW.
- Waste volume.
- Other characteristics as determined by the Management Board, to enable it to decide which classes of LLRW may be stored for decay, which classes will require disposal, and which classes will require "special management procedures in order to facilitate the safe and timely closure, post-closure observation and maintenance, and institutional control of the facility accepting such LLRW." [Chapter 111H, section 12(b)(1)]

- **The resolution urges the Management Board to "join with other states in a regional compact to provide less costly, more efficient and safer solutions to storing and monitoring LLRW than can be accomplished by states individually."**

The meaning of this statement is unclear. It presumably means to suggest that a regional solution related to "storage" or "monitoring" would be "more efficient and safer" than the conduct of such activities by individual states. Since an earlier part of the resolution declares opposition to a regional facility, I seek a clarification of your community's intention by this statement, so that I can provide you with a responsive reply.

Your letter also recommends that LLRW generators, and not the public, pay the costs of LLRW management and disposal. The Commonwealth agrees, and established that policy when Governor Weld signed a funding bill into law in January, 1994.

In addition, your resolution suggests that a municipality siting an LLRW facility, as well as those adjacent to a site community, should have the authority to vote to approve or reject such a facility. In response to public comment on this issue, the

Management Board has developed, recently issued for public review and comment, and plans to adopt a program to encourage the citizens of a community to volunteer a site. The Board's "Volunteer Sites Program" seeks to identify environmentally suitable facility locations in communities that want the benefits that a facility can provide, and feel comfortable with the controls that they, the site operator, and the state will exert to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and environment. A local referendum is part of this volunteer program.

The siting process is a long and deliberative one. The Commonwealth has established numerous policies and procedures to ensure that LLRW management is safe and environmentally protective. And while undertaking this siting process, the Management Board will continue to discuss with other states (and regional groupings of states) the possibilities of a long-term, out-of-state disposal solution for the Commonwealth's generators. If such a solution can be achieved, the Management Board can cease its siting efforts within the state.

Thank you for communicating your community's concerns about the LLRW issue. I encourage the officials and citizens of Leverett to participate in the upcoming activities of the Management Board, a nine-person body charged with the responsibility of managing LLRW in a safe and environmentally sound manner. My designee on the Board is Leo Roy, Undersecretary for Policy and Planning of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Cordially,

TRUDY COXE

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The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY
RONALD J. NORICK, Mayor

June 15, 1995

The Honorable Selectboard of Leverett
Fenna Lee Bonsignore
Donald L. Gibavic
Alice J. Rarig
Town of Leverett
PO Box 300
Leverett MA 01054

Dear Friends:

I thank you for your heartfelt compassion toward our community. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and kindness.

We are genuinely grateful for your kind words of encouragement. The continual support and generosity bestowed upon this community have given us renewed strength as we continue to deal with the magnitude of this senseless tragedy.

The atrocity in our City reminded us of the fortitude and cohesiveness of this great nation. May we never forget the united spirit we have demonstrated amidst the adversity.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Norick
Mayor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1995

Ms. D'Ann S. Kelty
Post Office Box 300
Leverett, Massachusetts 01054

Dear Ms. Kelty:

Thank you so much for your letter. President Clinton greatly appreciates the trust and confidence you have shown in him by writing.

To ensure that your concerns are addressed, I am forwarding your letter to the Department of Energy for review and any appropriate action. Please bear in mind that it may take some time to look thoroughly into the issues you have raised. Should you wish to contact the Department of Energy directly, you may write to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

Many thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,

James A. Dorskind
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Correspondence and
Presidential Messages

JOHN W. OLVER
1ST DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

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May 23, 1995

Ms. D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk
Town Hall
Box 300
Leverett, MA 01054

Dear D'Ann,

Thank you for sharing with me the resolutions of the Leverett Town Meeting and the Leverett Selectboard on the siting of a Low Level Radioactive Waste Dump within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I strongly agree with the importance of reducing our production of hazardous wastes, including radioactive wastes, and finding safe ways to store existing waste.

I am interested by the idea of the creation of a Presidential Commission to review nuclear waste management policies. However, it is not clear to me what the purpose and goals of this commission would be. Clearly there are difficult decisions to be made in how we handle radioactive waste. It is not evident to me whether the proposed commission would make that problem any easier, or simply postpone the end result of the process.

Massachusetts is required by the 1980 Federal Low Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act to take over the management of low level waste in the state. States were given the option of joining with other states to form regional disposal compacts to dispose of waste. As an incentive to create compacts, and reduce the total number of disposal sites, states which form regional compacts can exclude waste from non-compact states. However, Massachusetts did not choose this option and now the state must establish a comprehensive management plan which includes provisions to site a facility in Massachusetts. I will be monitoring this process to see if it is handled in an open, fair, and scientifically sound manner. However, specific decisions about the operations of the Massachusetts Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Board are made at the state level. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives I am unable to vote on state issues.

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Thank you again for sharing the resolutions with me. Please contact me again if there is any way I can be of any further assistance to you, or the town.

Sincerely,

John W. Olver

John W. Olver
Member of Congress

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TOWN OF LEVERETT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 6, 1994

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM at said Leverett, on Monday, June 6, 1994, at 8:00 in the evening (8:00 PM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993 as amended, known as the "Education Reform Act of 1993", to provide for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System employed by the Leverett Public Schools, with said program to include a five-year additional credit for age, service, or a combination thereof and a limit of one (1) on the numer of eligible employees.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 1994.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: 5/21/94 Constable Ethan V Howard-h.

TOWN OF LEVERETT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 6, 1994
MINUTES

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:40pm by Moderator Richard Howland. A quorum was deemed present. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993 as amended, known as the "Education Reform Act of 1993", to provide for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System employed by the Leverett Public Schools, with said program to include a five-year additional credit for age, service, or a combination thereof and a limit of one (1) on the number of eligible employees.

Charles Paulin: I move that the Town voteto accept the provisions of Section 83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993 as amended, known as the "Education Reform Act of 1993", to provide for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System employed by the Leverett Public Schools, with said program to include a five-year additional credit for age, service, or a combination thereof and a limit of one (1) on the numer of eligible employees.

Motion was seconded.
Finance Committee recommended against the article.

Motion carried: Yes votes-50, No votes-9.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously at 9:00pm.

Minutes recorded by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

June 8, 1994

This is to certify that on June 6, 1994, the Town of Leverett held a Special Town Meeting and, a quorum being present, took the following action:

Charles Paulin: I move that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993 as amended, known as the "Education Reform Act of 1993", to provide for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System employed by the Leverett Public Schools, with said program to include a five-year additional credit for age, service, or a combination thereof and a limit of one (1) on the numer of eligible employees.

Motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 50 to 9.

A true copy attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEVERETT

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SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS
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IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1994

THE TOWN CLERK HAS SCHEDULED SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS AS FOLLOW:

FRIDAY, MAY 28: 9AM-3PM.....Town Hall, Town Clerk's office
3PM-8PM....Sanders' Residence, 132 Cave Hill Rd

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY MAY 28 IN ORDER TO VOTE AT THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

You may also register to vote at the Town Hall during regular Town Clerk's hours (Monday and Friday: 9am-2:30pm; Monday evening: 6pm-7:30pm; Wednesday: 9am-12:30pm)

MINUTES
LEVERETT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 2, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Town Clerk D'Ann Kelty, a quorum being deemed present. Ms. Kelty explained that, in the absence of a Moderator, the first order of business was to elect someone to serve as Moderator for the meeting.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore nominated Ed Gere. No other nominations were received. It was moved that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be cast for Ed Gere to serve as Moderator for the evening. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Gere was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article One: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount of the $23,100,000 debt authorized on April 12, 1994 by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the District Regional High School, including costs incidental and related thereto; provided that not more than $1,400,000, for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed or expended until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of approved project costs.

Judy Weinthaler: I move that the Town vote to approve the amount of the $23,100,000 debt authorized on April 12, 1994 by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the District Regional High School, including costs incidental and related thereto; provided that not more than $1,400,000, for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed or expended until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of approved project costs; provided, further, that this approval be contingent upon approval of a Proposition 2 and 1/2 debt exclusion referendum question.
Motion was seconded.

A presentation of the project was made by members of the Building Committee and John Kuhn, architect.
Finance Committee supported the article. Capital Planning Committee did not have enough information in hand to meet and make a recommendation. After discussion, Mr. Gere called for a secret ballot on the question.

Motion carried: Yes votes: 65, No votes: 4

At 8:48pm there was a motion to adjourn. MOtion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Town Clerk, D'Ann Sauer Kelty.

TOWN OF LEVERETT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 2, 1994

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM at said Leverett, on Monday, May 2, 1994, at 7:30 in the evening (7:30 PM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

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Given under our hands this fourth day of April, A.D. 1994.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Donald L. Gilbavic

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A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

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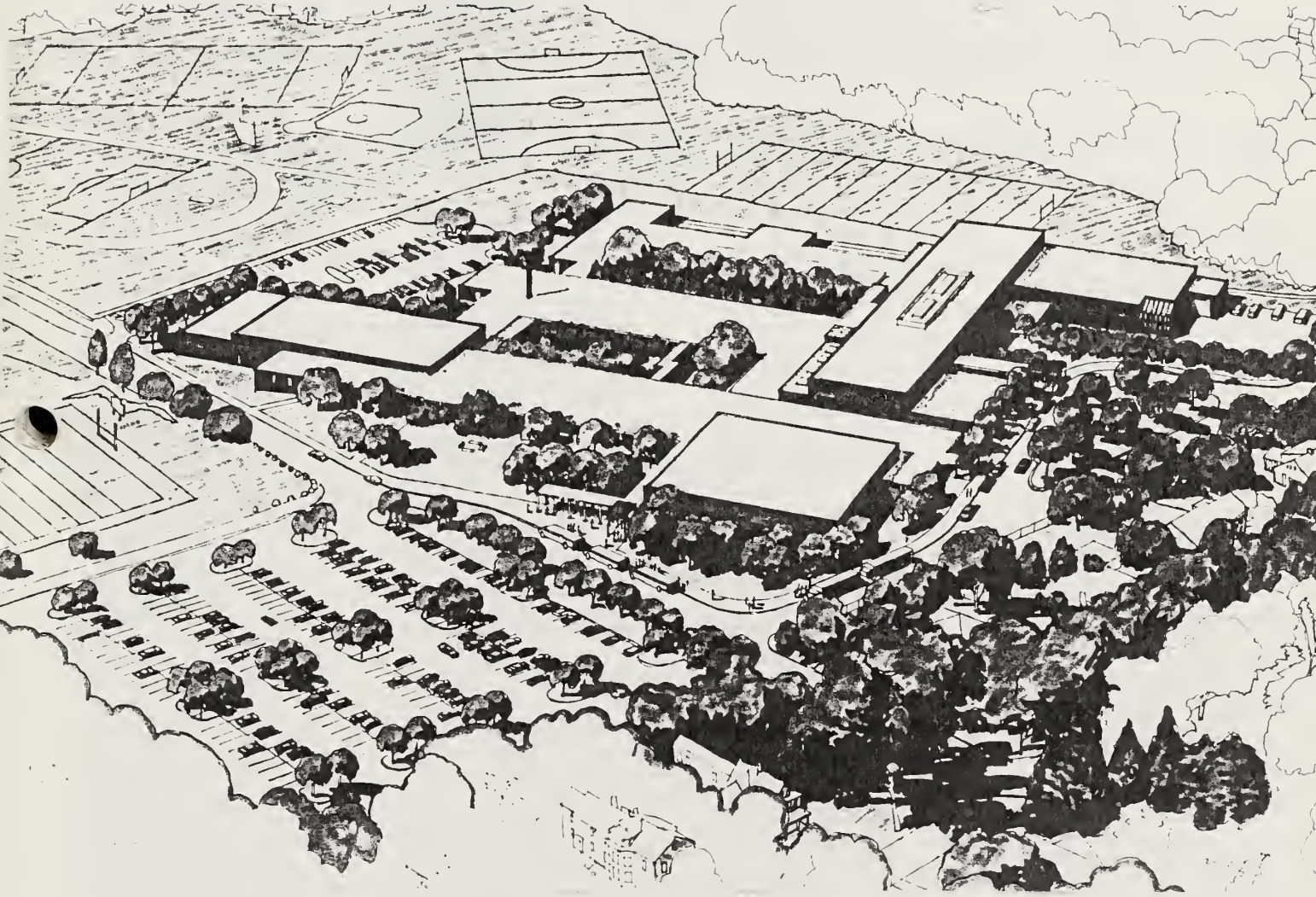
Date: 4/12/94 Constable Ethan V Howard II

Regional School Building Committee
Status Report to Town Meetings
Amherst, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury
March 14, 15, 16 - 1994

Amherst Regional High School Addition/Renovation Project



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INTRODUCTION

The Regional School Building Needs Committee met for three years - monitoring enrollment trends, looking at the use of space in the junior and senior high schools, and the overall condition of these two schools. Enrollments projections showed space would be running out at both the junior and senior high schools beginning with the 1994/95 school year. This committee undertook a feasibility study of both schools in terms of alternative options for increase space. The committee concluded it was less expensive to undertake one building project at one school rather than attempt to add space to both schools.

The Regional School Committee shared this conclusion and agreed it would be best to locate this project at the present high school - which would allow other building maintenance needs to be addressed - and to also move the ninth grade class to the senior high school, thereby reuniting the 9-12 curriculum continuum.

We appreciate this opportunity to share this brief status report to all four regional towns at this time.

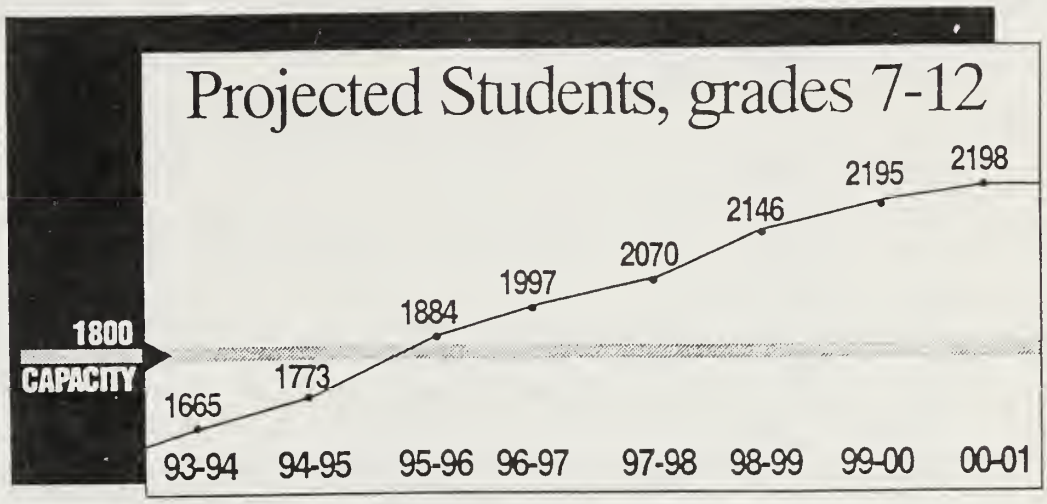
Joan Hanson and Merle Howes
Co-Chairpersons

REGIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ronald Bell, Assistant Superintendent
Paul Burnim, Chapter I/Staff Development Coordinator
Sarah Collins, Student Representative
Janice Denton, Amherst Representative
John DeNyse, Amherst Representative
Merle Howes, Amherst Representative
Thomas Fanning, Pelham Representative
Joan Hanson, Shutesbury Representative
Lorraine Kavanagh, Instructional Director/ARHS
Lilian Kravitz, Teacher Representative
Paul Lawler, Maintenance Director
Peter May, Leverett Representative
John Robinson, At Large (Parent)
Myra Ross, Regional School Committee
Thomas Styspeck, Teacher Representative

Regional schools need more space

By MERLE HOWES
and JOAN HANSON



Envision Amherst Regional High School in the year 2000 (only six years away) with double the number of students it holds today! Why will this happen, who is working this problem, and what is being done immediately to plan for the future space necessary for our high school students?

Over the last three years, a Building Needs Study Committee, with representatives from the schools and the four regional towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury, studied student population growth, space alternatives, and the feasibility of building additions/renovations for both the junior and senior high schools. The committee also considered the possibility of a third secondary school.

When the junior high opened in 1969, it had a projected maximum capacity of 1,100 students in grades 7-9. The high school opened in 1956 and, after an addition was added in 1963, it had a projected maximum capacity of 1,000 students in grades 10-12. Over the years the schools have required a very different use of instructional space, resulting from new state and federal mandates, new curriculum and smaller instructional groupings to meet these mandates, as well as the addition of academic resource centers and computer laboratory facilities. Consequently, the functional capacity of the junior high school has been reduced to 900 students and the high school to 850 students — or a total capacity of 1,750 students in grades 7-12. The junior high is at capacity this year, and the senior high is expected to reach its capacity in 1995-96.

Rather than place additions at both schools, the Regional School Committee voted last spring to move the ninth grade from the junior high to the high school and thus have only one building project. This decision is both cost-effective and educationally sound, as it reunites the ninth grade with the 9-12 curriculum in one location.

Unlike projecting future enrollments for the elementary schools, which depends on estimating birth rates, the students who will attend grades 7-12 over the next seven years are already enrolled in the elementary schools of the four regional towns. By the year 2000-2001, the number of students in grades 7-12 is projected to increase from our present 1,665 to 2,198.

In the spring of 1993, Town Meetings in all four regional towns voted to authorize the use of regional school funds to hire an architect to develop preliminary schematics and cost estimates. A Regional School Building Committee was appointed this fall.

An Educational Specifications Committee consisting of students, staff and parents was also appointed and researched what will be the educational needs the project should meet in the year 2000-2001. This committee used a state Department of Education formula to determine what existing space is available at the high school, what space could be renovated, and what new space would be needed. These specifications have been publicly reviewed and approved by the Regional School Committee and the Regional School Building Committee, and submitted to the state Department of Education for its review and approval. Additionally, the state will require the existing facilities to be brought into full compliance with all existing building codes and state/federal program and physical accessibility requirements.

A preliminary design for the high school addition/renovation project has also been approved by the Regional School Building Committee. It will now become available for review by local boards and the general public. The committee's tasks in finalizing this design are to approve a design that will meet the future educational needs of the students and staff, be of greatest use to the four regional towns, and be cost-efficient.

The state recommends a design and materials that can be used effectively for at least 40 years. Space that is flexible, encourages multiple use and is easily accessible by the general public is important. At this point, some 100,000 square feet of new space is required, as well as some internal renovations. One of the architect's responsibilities is to provide more precise cost estimates for this project.

The Building Committee will be making a decision very soon about requesting special Town Meetings in March for the purpose of seeking bond authorization for this project. If all four regional towns agree to authorize this project, the architect will develop final construction plans for submission to the Department of Education by June 1, 1994.

School construction plans are accepted and ranked by the Department of Education only once each year on June 1. Many communities are also developing similar plans and we will be in competition with them. Once the final plans have been approved by the state, it will likely be one to two years before state funding is approved and construction can begin. Construction itself will have to be staggered over time so the high school can remain in session, and it will likely take 12 to 15 months to complete. Thus, the fall of 1997 would be the earliest it could be expected for students to occupy the new space. The state reiumbursement for this project is presently 67 percent. Once a specific project has been approved, a community cannot request additional funds related to this project for 10 years. Thus, it is important to plan ahead for the future.

What is now projected is new space plus some renovated space plus bringing the present building up to code. The Building Committee plans a series of public meetings for all four communities in February to review these plans. These will be announced in the press and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Members of the Regional School Building Committee are: Amherst, Janice Denton, Merle Howes, and Jack DeNyse; Pelham, Tom Fanning; Leverett, Peter May; and Shutesbury, Joan Hanson. Other committee members include Ron Bell, Paul Burnim, Lorraine Kavanagh, Paul Lawlor, Lilian Kravitz, Tom Styspeck, John Robinson, Myra Ross, and Sarah Collins.

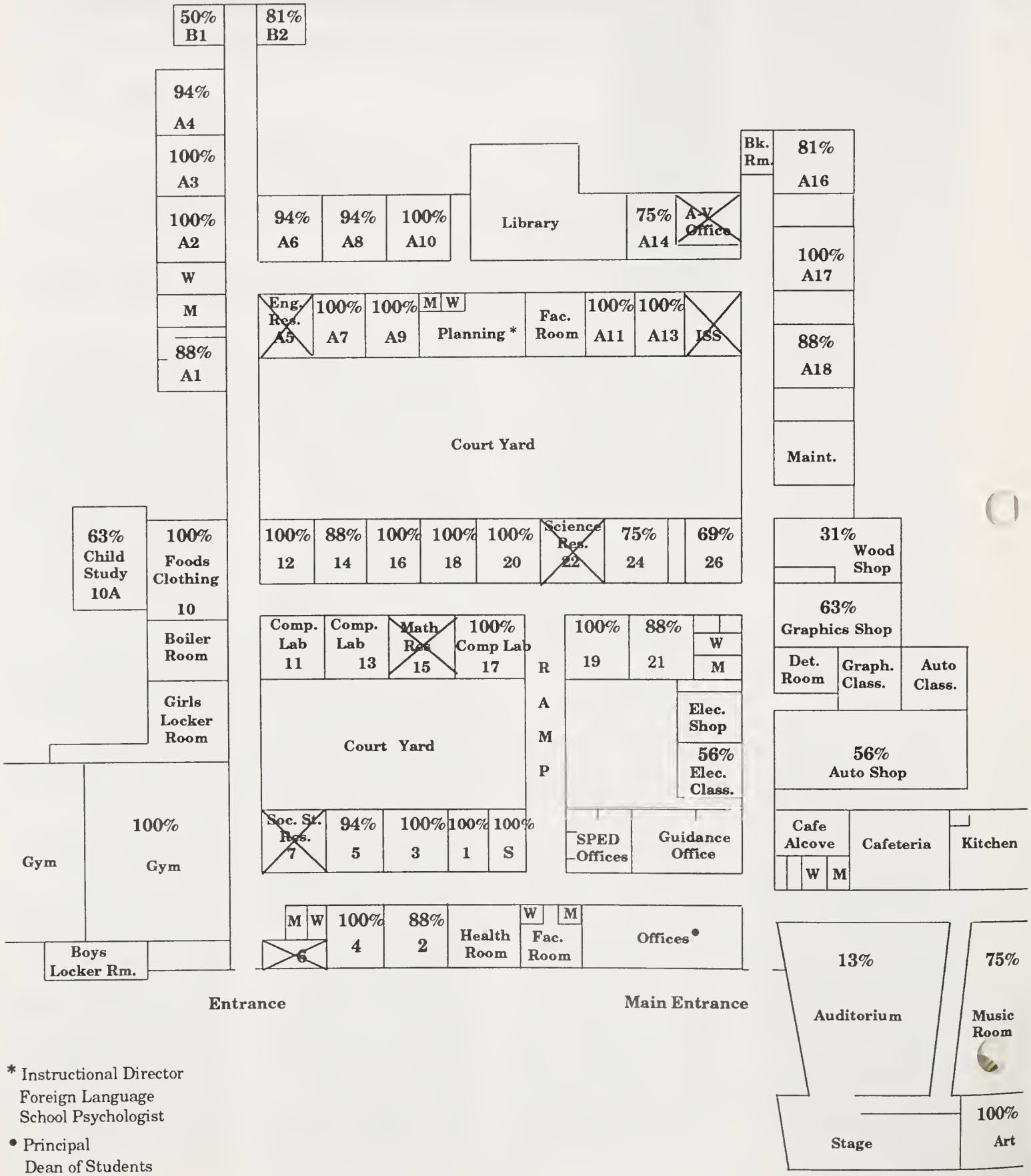
Our meetings are held most Monday evenings in the high school library at 7:30 p.m. Please stay informed and ask questions as we go along so that we can do our best planning for this important community project.

Merle Howes and Joan Hanson are co-chairs of the Regional School Building Committee.

AMHERST REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOM UTILIZATION PERCENTAGE 1993-1994 (Enrollment = 759)

22 Multi-purpose Classrooms (15 @ 100%)
6 Science Classrooms/Labs (69% - 100% Range)
15 Single Purpose Classrooms/Labs (31% - 100% Range)

NOTE: Seven class sections that normally would be taught at the Jr. High are being taught at the High School this year because of space constraints at the Jr. High.



* Instructional Director
Foreign Language
School Psychologist

• Principal
Dean of Students
Registrar

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE BUREAU

The requirements of the School Building Assistance Bureau (SBAB) are many. The major ones are summarized here for your information.

1. Renovations by themselves are not usually eligible for SBAB reimbursement. Renovations that are part of an addition project are eligible.

2. SBAB is not interested in approving a project for a new addition unless the existing building is brought up to acceptable condition. Acceptable means the building is brought up to State/Federal codes for energy use, wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilating, handicapped access, etc. A SBAB "rule of thumb" is that renovations of an existing building should be about 50% of the construction costs for new space.

3. SBAB wants a completed project - addition plus renovations - that will ensure use of the school for another 40 years. Once a project is approved, the town or region cannot go back to SBAB for further help with this project for 10 years.

4. SBAB planning guidelines allow for 155 square feet per student plus additional space for special education, remedial services, bilingual education, community and collaborative space. For cost guidelines, SBAB will reimburse the region up to $152.00/square foot for new construction costs and $76.00/square foot for renovation costs.

5. Square footage for specific areas in the school are spelled out in SBAB guidelines which must be followed locally in developing educational specifications for the project.

6. The purposes for the increased space must be justified by (1) enrollment projections and (2) educational program needs.

7. SBAB will not approve a project until full project funding is authorized by local communities, and a complete set of construction documents have been submitted to and approved by SBAB. Once a letter of approval for the project has been received from SBAB, the local community can either wait until reimbursement funds have been approved by the State Board of Education (which may take 1-2 years), or it can proceed to go out to bid, start construction early, and develop a financing plan which recognizes reimbursements would not flow for another year or two.

CONCEPTUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE

Amherst Regional High School
DRA/Kuhn Riddle Architects
February 28, 1994

General Requirements	$1,195,000
Sitework	535,000
Main Addition	9,889,000
Music Addition	200,000
Gym Addition	695,000
Existing School Renovation	4,621,000
SUBTOTAL	17,135,000
GC Overhead & Profit (3%)	514,000
Bond (1%)	176,000
SUBTOTAL	17,825,000
Design & Bidding Contingency (10%)	1,783,000
TOTAL CONST. COST ESTIMATE	$19,608,000
Other Expenses (Soft Costs) - 25%	4,900,000
TOTAL COST	$24,508,000

PROPORTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF COST ESTIMATE

	EXIST	NEW	GYM	MUSIC	TOTAL
BASE COST	4,621,000	9,889,000	695,000	200,000	15,405,000
GENL. COND.	375,000	750,000	50,000	20,000	1,195,000
SITEWORK		510,000	20,000	5,000	535,000
SUBTOTAL	$4,996,000	11,149,000	765,000	225,000	17,135,000
O. H. & P. (3%)	151,000	333,000	23,000	7,000	514,000
BOND (1%)	53,000	113,000	8,000	2,000	176,000
CONT. (10%)	520,000	1,161,000	80,000	22,000	1,783,000
TOTAL	$5,720,000	12,756,000	876,000	256,000	$19,608,000

(2/24/94)

PROPOSED REVIEW SEQUENCE
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION/RENOVATIONS

I. Review and understand fully the bases for architects' and engineers' cost estimates as presented.

A. Generic Contract Items
1. Contingency accounts
2. Miscellaneous accounts
3. Percentages used
4. Fees

B. Non-building items
1. Roadways
2. Walkways
3. Paving
4. Plantings
5. Athletic fields
6. Gas line
7. Other ?

C. New Addition - Other Than Space and Programs
1. Skylight
2. Demolition
3. Exterior sash options
4. Specialties -
5. Plumbing options
6. HVAC options
7. Electrical options
8. Canopies
9. Other ?

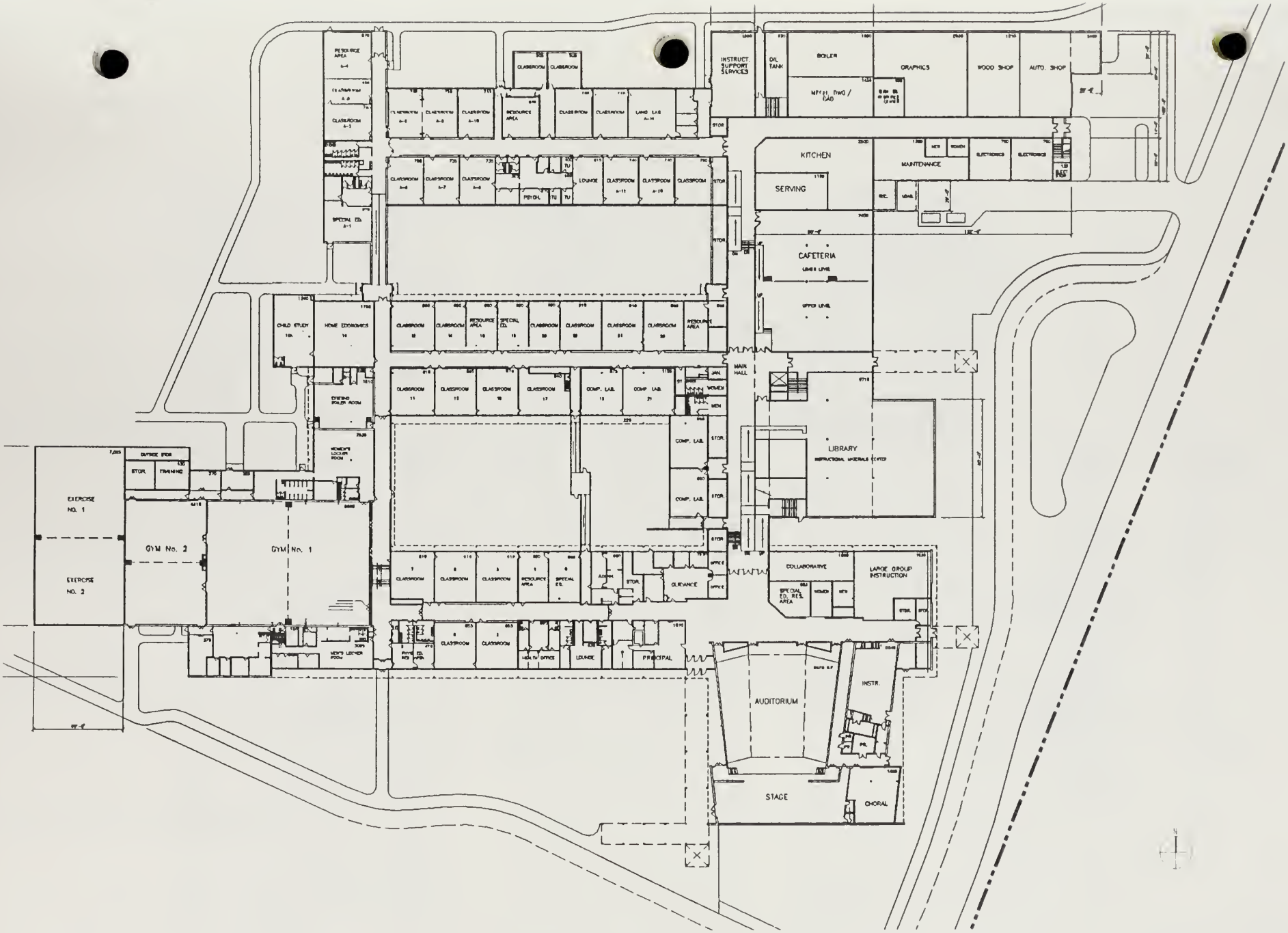
D. New Addition - Space and Program Issues
1. Classroom size
2. Cafeteria size
3. Library size
4. Classroom furnishings and equipment - fixed
5. Classroom furnishings and equipment - movable
6. Science lab equipment
7. Small group spaces
8. Other ?

E. Existing Building - Other Than Space and Programs
1. Roofs
2. HVAC options
3. Plumbing options
4. Electrical options
5. Fire protection options
6. Gym entrance corridor
7. PE partitions
8. Toilet renovations
9. Ceiling tile replacement
10. Exterior sash options
11. Front entrance canopies
12. ADA and other code compliance costs
13. Other

F. Existing Building - Space and Program Issues
1. Music addition
2. PE addition
3. Renovated spaces - purposes
4. Study hall classrooms - 5
5. Offices
6. Other

REVISED PLANNING TIMELINE

March:	1	Joint Meeting with Town Select Boards/Finance Committee - ARHS 7:30 PM
	14	<u>Status Reports</u> Special Town Meeting - Amherst Special Town Meeting - Leverett
	15	Special Town Meeting - Shutesbury
	16	Special Town Meeting - Pelham
April:		Public Forums - All Towns
	25	Amherst Town Meeting Starts
	30	Leverett Town Meeting
May:	7	Shutesbury Town Meeting
	14	Pelham Town Meeting



Amherst Regional High School

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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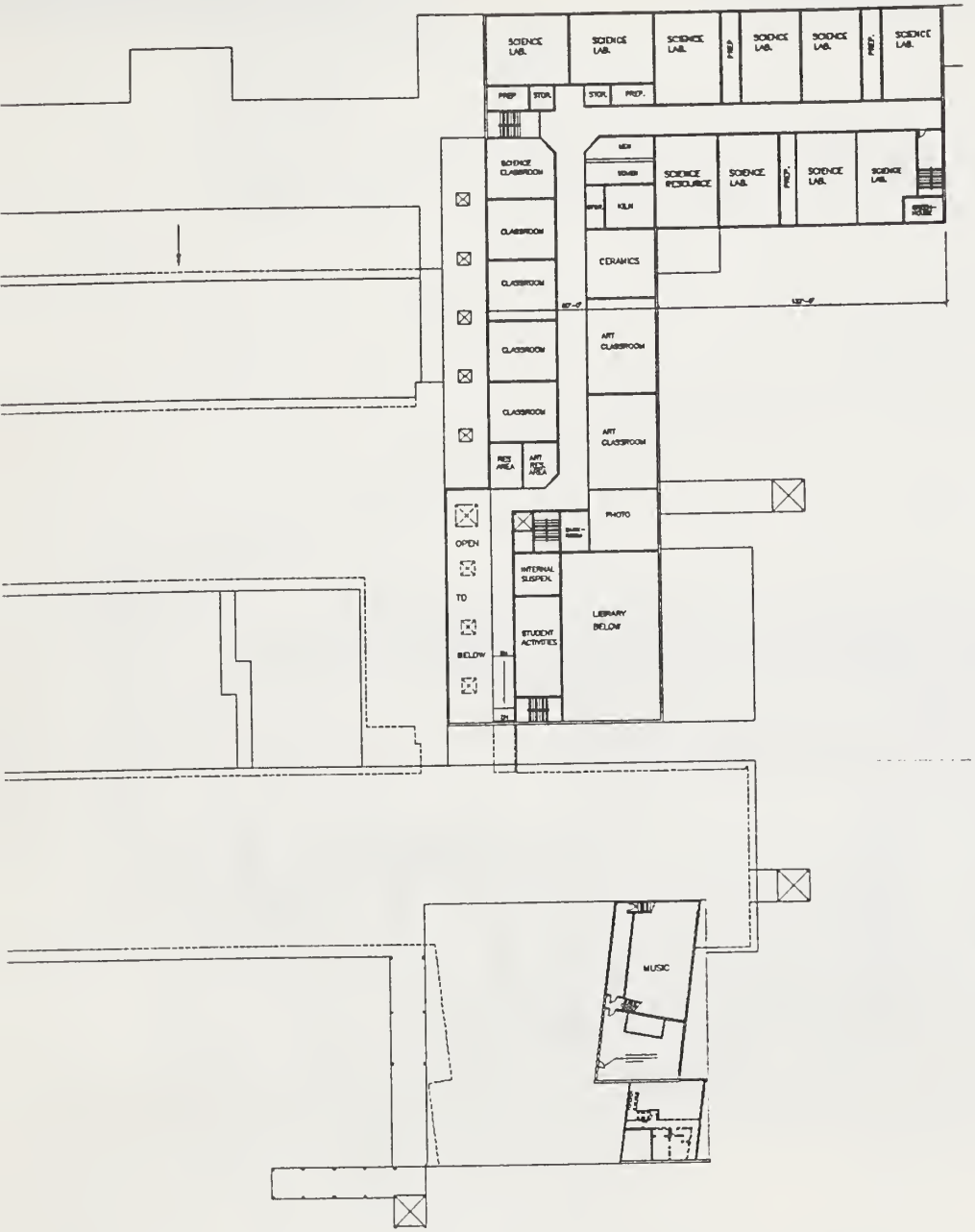
KUHN • RIDDLE ARCHITECTS
BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP

SCALE 1/32" = 1'-0"
MARCH 14 1994



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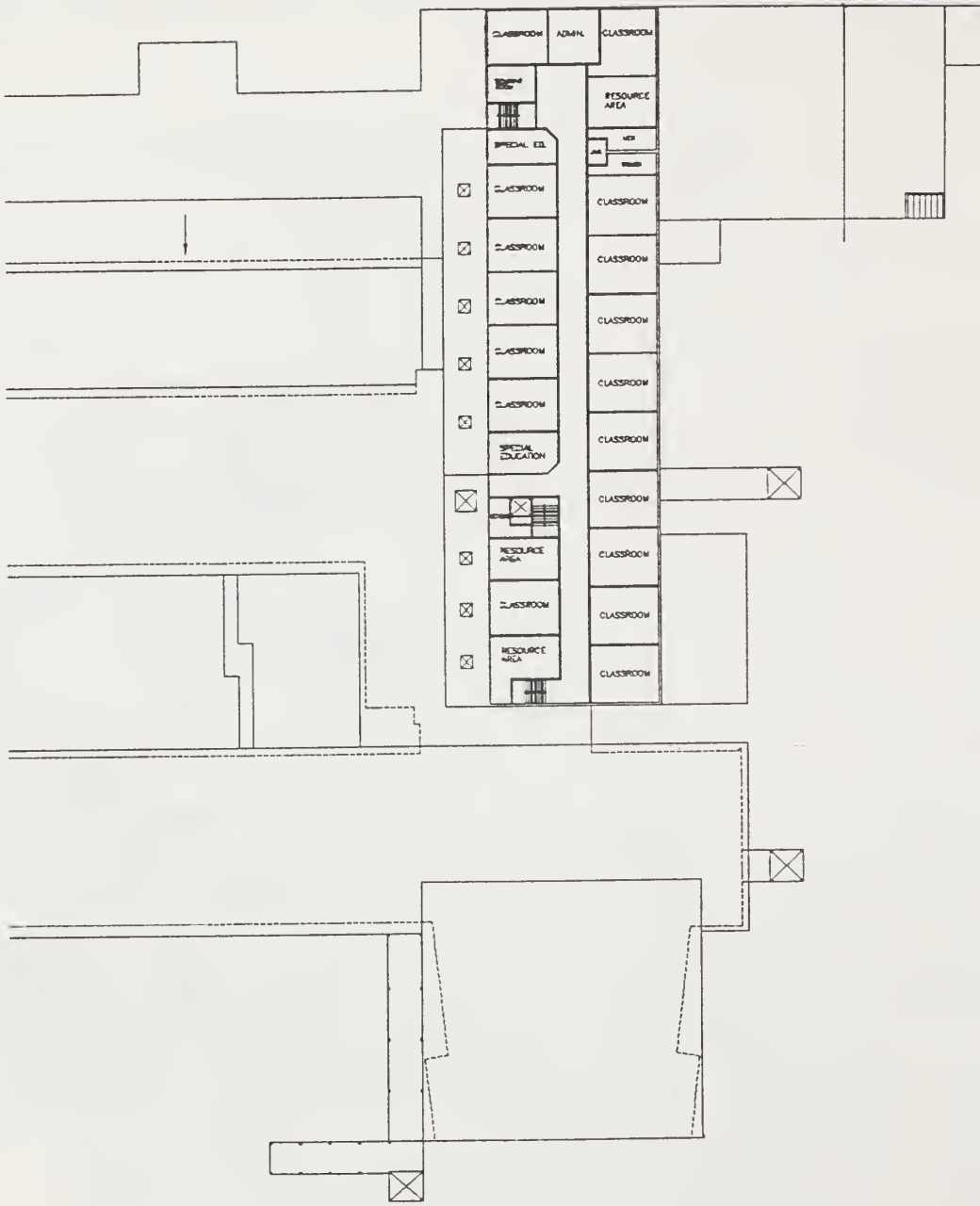

THIRD FLOOR

Amherst Regional High School

UPPER FLOOR PLANS

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AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUGGESTED FORM OF ARTICLE FOR
WARRANT OF MEMBER TOWNS AND ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF MOTION
RELATING TO APPROVAL OF DEBT

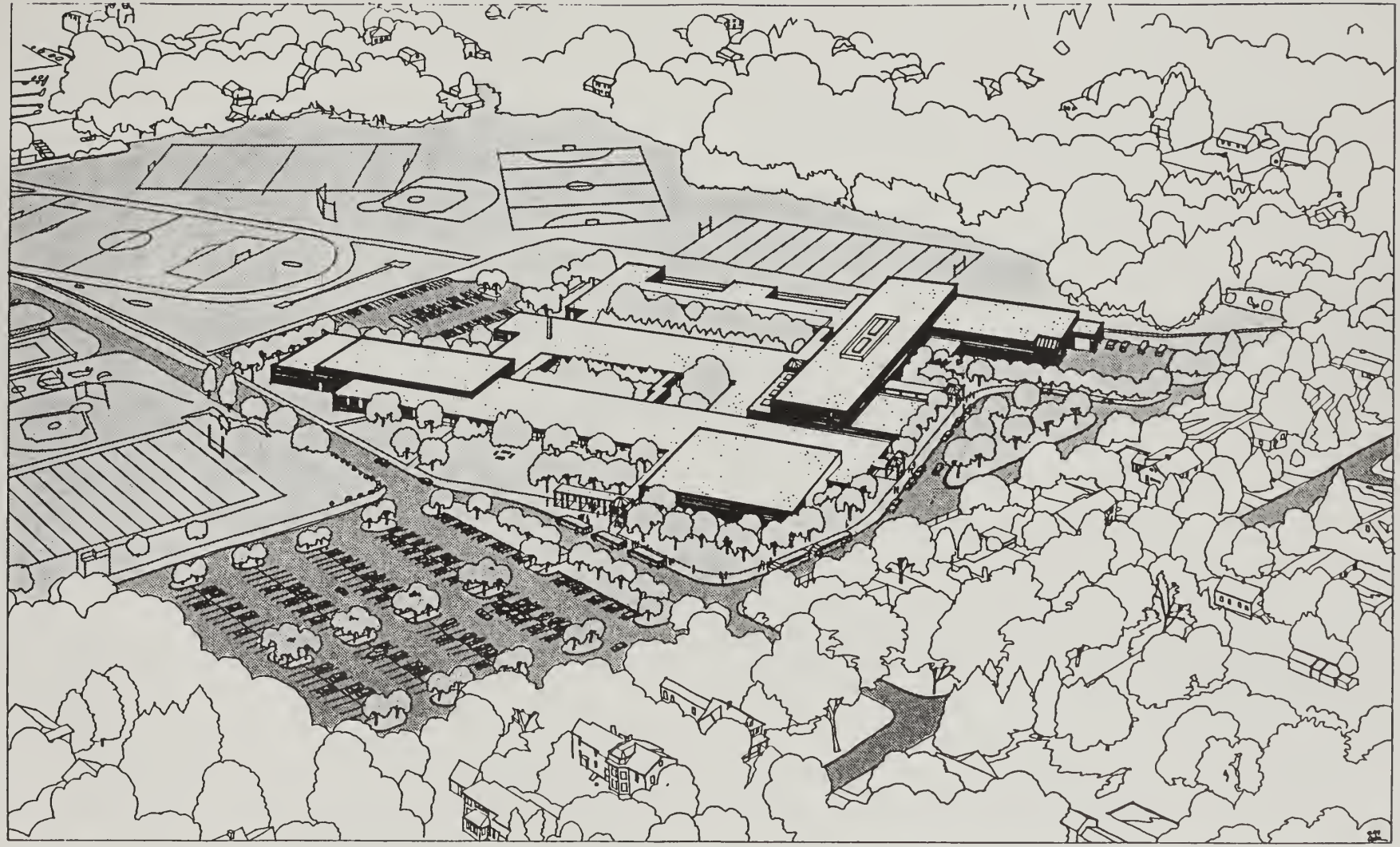
ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount of the $23,100,000 debt authorized on April 12, 1994 by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the District Regional High School, including costs incidental and related thereto; provided that not more than $1,400,000, for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed or expended until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of approved project costs.

MOTION (#1) I move that the Town approve the amount of the $23,100,000 debt authorized on April 12, 1994 by the Amherst Pelham Regional School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the District Regional High School, including costs incidental and related thereto; provided that not more than $1,400,000, for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed or expended until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of approved project costs.

OR

MOTION (#2) I move that the Town approve the amount of the $23,100,000 debt authorized on April 12, 1994 by the Amherst Pelham Regional School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the District Regional High School, including costs incidental and related thereto; provided that not more than $1,400,000, for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed or expended until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65% of approved project costs; provided, further, that this approval be contingent upon approval of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum question.

AMHERST REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT



Amherst Regional High School

AERIAL VIEW

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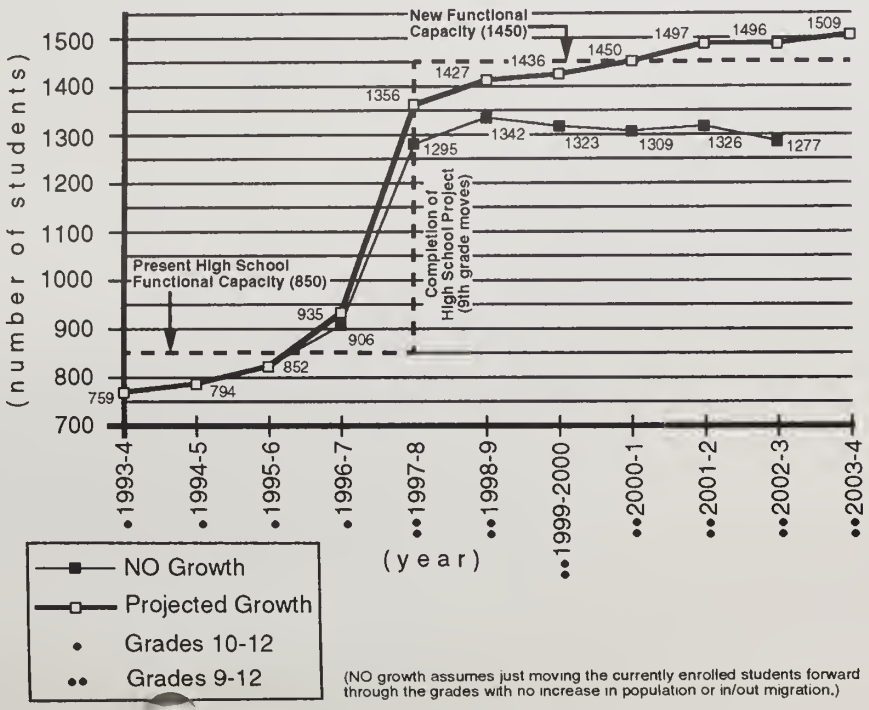
WHY IS THE ADDITION/RENOVATION NEEDED?

Within one year both the junior and senior high schools will be above capacity and enrollments will continue to grow. Both buildings will require additions if the 7-9 and 10-12 split is maintained. By moving the 9th grade from the junior high school to the high school, we will eliminate the need for extensive additions to both buildings and create better opportunities for early adolescent and high school programming.

The students who will attend grades 9-12 over the next nine years are already enrolled in the elementary school of the four regional towns or in grades 7 & 8 in the present junior high. The number of students expected in the high school by the year 2000-1 nearly doubles from the current 759 (10-12) to 1,450 (9-12).

The existing high school was built in 1956 with an addition in 1964. All of its systems are now between 30 and 40 years old and in need of upgrading. The state will only reimburse a school district for renovation work if it is part of a large addition or expansion project. This project gives us the opportunity to renovate the existing building and bring it into compliance with current codes.

NO GROWTH vs. PROJECTED GROWTH IN GRADES 9-12 FOR 1993-2004



(NO growth assumes just moving the currently enrolled students forward through the grades with no increase in population or in/out migration.)

WHAT WILL THE PROJECT COST?

The total construction project cost will not exceed $23,100,000, which includes the cost for construction, equipment, furnishings, and all fees. With the state reimbursing 67% of the project cost, the towns will be responsible for 33%, or approximately $7,700,000. This $7.7 million will be divided as follows:

Amherst.....$5,953,600 (77.32%)
Leverett $646,800 (8.40%)
Pelham.....$495,800 (6.44%)
Shutesbury.....$603,800 (7.84%)

The construction cost includes $13,475,000 for construction of the new addition and related site work plus $5,000,000 for renovation of the existing building. An additional $4,625,000 is budgeted for other project related costs, including furnishings, equipment, surveys, testing, architectural/engineering fees and contingencies.

WHY NOW?

Enrollments in the 1994-95 school year will effectively fill our secondary schools. Approval at this time by the four communities will allow ample time for the preparation of construction documents necessary for state approval of the high school expansion. The project can then be bid in the Spring 1995, with construction beginning in the summer. Even under these circumstances, construction will not be complete until September 1997.

The School Building Committee is seeking approval at this time in order to:

1. allow construction to begin as soon as possible, providing additional space at the earliest possible date
2. provide ample time for design and final construction documents
3. minimize cost of temporary space arrangements
4. take advantage of favorable interest rates
5. avoid potential changes to the reimbursement formula which could increase the cost to the towns. Under the current formula the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District is eligible for 67% reimbursement from the state.

OCTOBER 1, 1993 ACTUAL ENROLLMENTS

GRADE	*K*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*	*11*	*12*
AMHERST	222	265	252	239	252	253	272	273	231	216	227	198	183
PELHAM	24	17	15	17	22	17	16	12	11	20	11	11	11
LEVERETT	20	28	35	31	28	23	26	23	28	22	18	12	29
SHUTESBURY	26	27	29	30	39	27	31	28	24	18	26	15	18
TOTALS	*292*	*337*	*331*	*317*	*341*	*320*	*345*	*336*	*294*	*276*	*282*	*236*	*241*

THE BASICS:

School Growth: General increase in the school population plus the addition of ninth grade to the high school will require housing 1,450 students by the year 2000. Current high school enrollment is 759.

The Scope: New construction of 118,500 square feet to include:

* Enlarged cafeteria
* Enlarged library
* New labs for science and technology education
* 22 multi-purpose classrooms
* Large group instruction room
* 2 exercise rooms for physical education
* Expanded space for:
  - special education
  - T.B.E. (transitional bilingual education)
  - E.S.L. (English as a second language).
  - art instruction
  - music instruction
  - teacher resource areas
* Improved parking and bus access

Refurbishing and/or renovation of 118,750 square feet of existing school to include:

*Heating	*Lighting
*Ventilating	*Electrical
*Plumbing	*Fire protection
*Reroofing	*Energy conservation

The Cost: $23.1 million for the total construction project including furnishings, equipment and fees, of which 67% ($15.4 million) is reimbursable by the state. The state will also reimburse 67% of the interest costs.

The Tax Impact: The tax impact will be spread over the 20-year bonding period. In general it will be higher in the earliest years and will decline over the remaining time, with the state reimbursement being constant over this period. The tax impact will vary among the four towns.

The Time Table: With a positive vote in all four towns this Spring, ground could be broken by June 1995. Phased construction will allow the school to remain open during construction, with completion and full occupancy by September 1997.

BACKGROUND:

* Regional School Building Needs Committee, over 3 years, studied.
  a. Student population growth
  b. Space alternatives
  c. Possibility of third secondary school
  d. Feasibility of building additions/renovations to both the junior and senior high school.

* Regional School Committee voted to move 9th grade from junior high to high school because the change:
  a. Unites the 9th grade with 9-12 curriculum in one location
  b. Requires only one building project.

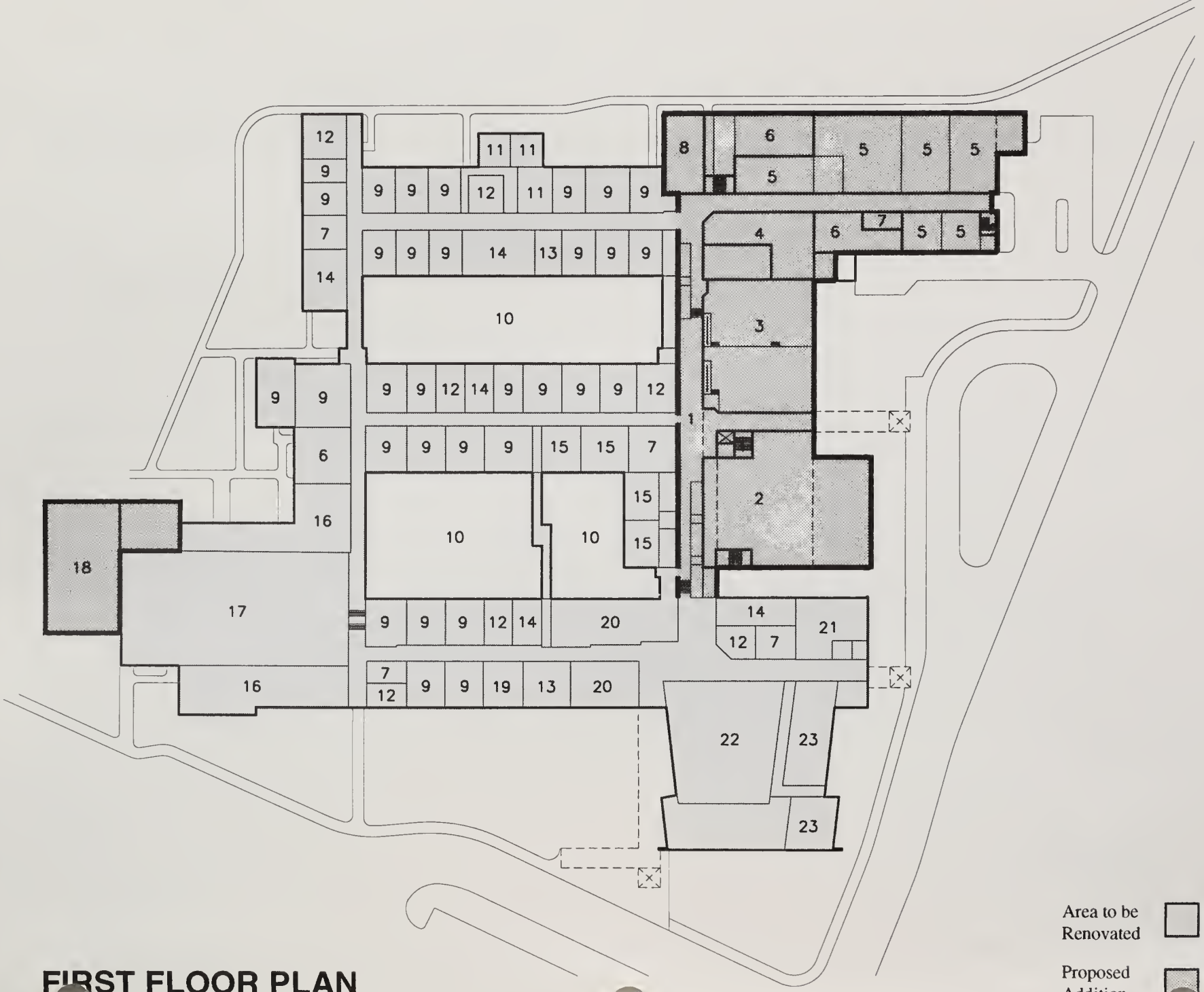
* Educational Specifications Committee, using State Department of Education criteria, determined:
  a. Use of existing space
  b. Total space requirements for a school with an enrollment of 1,450, based on continuation of existing school programs
  c. Flexibility needed for the future.

* School Committee, Building Committee, and State Department of Education have approved the Educational Specifications which reflect the current and projected needs for space by departments, programs and other building functions.

* Regional School Building Committee:
  a. Selected an architect for the project
  b. Selected a project design from several alternatives
  c. Reviewed thoroughly the conditions of the existing building
  d. Consulted with the state's School Building Assistance Bureau
  e. Reviewed and revised the scope and costs of the project.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN?

If the high school is not expanded, both the junior and senior high schools will experience crippling overcrowding in the very near future. Both schools would likely require staggered sessions, and/or temporary modular classrooms, with early and late arrival/dismissal times. This will lead to a general erosion of the quality of education because of severely limited program and extra curricular opportunities for students. School operating expenses and transportation costs will increase. The cost of temporary classrooms is not reimbursable by the state. Additionally, the cost for ADA compliance and future repairsto major building systems would have to be borne 100% by the local taxpayers.



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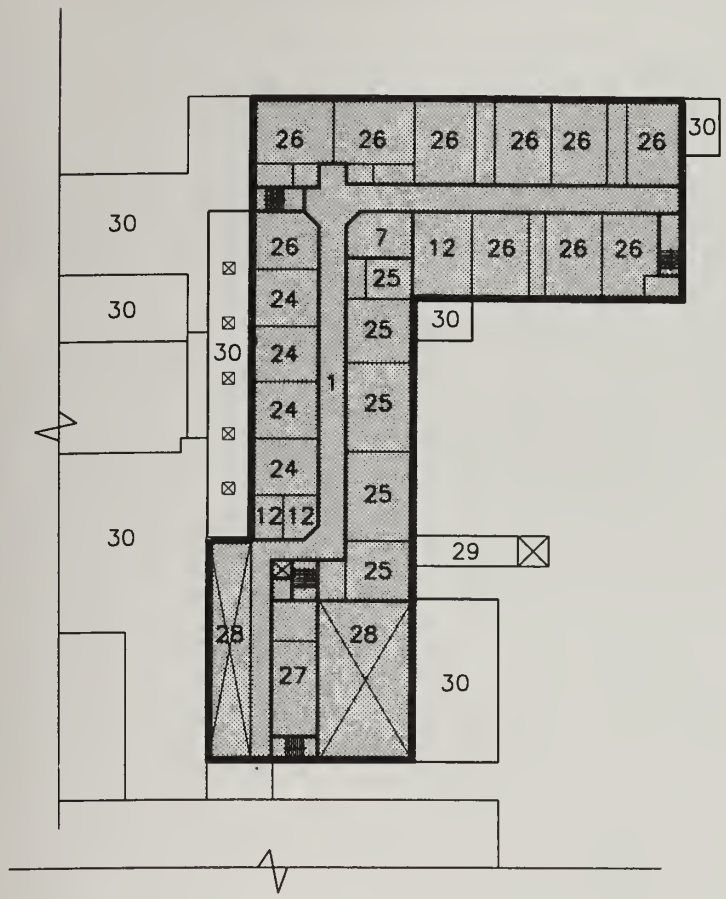

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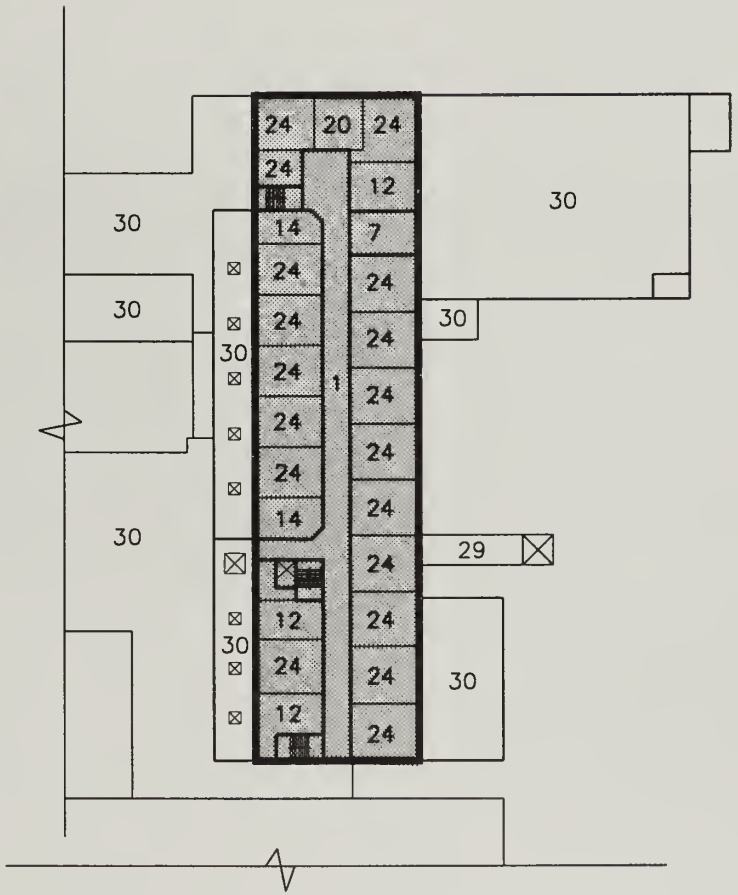

THIRD FLOOR PLAN

Legend:

1. New Main Corridor
2. New Library
3. New Cafeteria
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27. Student Activities
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WHAT IS THE PROPOSED DESIGN?

The Building Committee established a program based on the educational specifications and a desire to:

* Avoid a sprawling floor plan
* Produce a functional and economical design
* Centralize locations of core facilities, such as the library
* Consolidate and centralize circulation of students.

Working together, the architects and Building Committee reviewed many options for adding onto the existing school. These options included adding over the existing building, filling in courtyards, adding many small additions and consolidating all the space in a one, two or three-story addition. The final design, as described below, is a functional, compact, and economic response to the program requirements.

The recommended addition/renovation project has two components:

1) It adds 118,500 square feet of new construction to house the additional square footage needed due to increased enrollments and,
2) It renovates 118,750 square feet of the existing building to upgrade the 40-year old structure and bring it into the 21st century.

The central, organizing element of the project will be a new, wide, ramped corridor, or "Main Street", that will run the length of the school between the existing building on the west and the 3-story addition on the east. The west side of the corridor will tie into all three of the main corridors of the existing school. Along the east side of the corridor will be a new library, new cafeteria and new entry into the school from the east side of the addition. At the north end of the "Street" on the first floor will be the technical education wing. The second floor will house the new science labs, the art classrooms and several multi-purpose classrooms. Finally, the third floor will be devoted to multi-purpose classroom space. In order to accomplish the meshing of the old and the new, and to achieve an efficient and compact plan, several existing science labs and shops will be razed.

In general, the addition will house those core facilities which need to be expanded due to increased enrollments (i.e. the library and cafeteria) and those spaces where substantial technological improvements were needed (i.e. art, tech. education and science labs). Finally the third floor's multi-purpose classrooms give the entire building the flexibility to adapt to a variety of educational philosophies, such as a "house" concept, should this approach be used in the future.

The addition will be clad in masonry and massed in a way so that it blends in with the existing school An elevator and three stairways will link the three floors in an efficient, functional manner. The addition will be energy-efficient, handicapped accessible, technologically up-to-date, and sprinklered for fire safety.

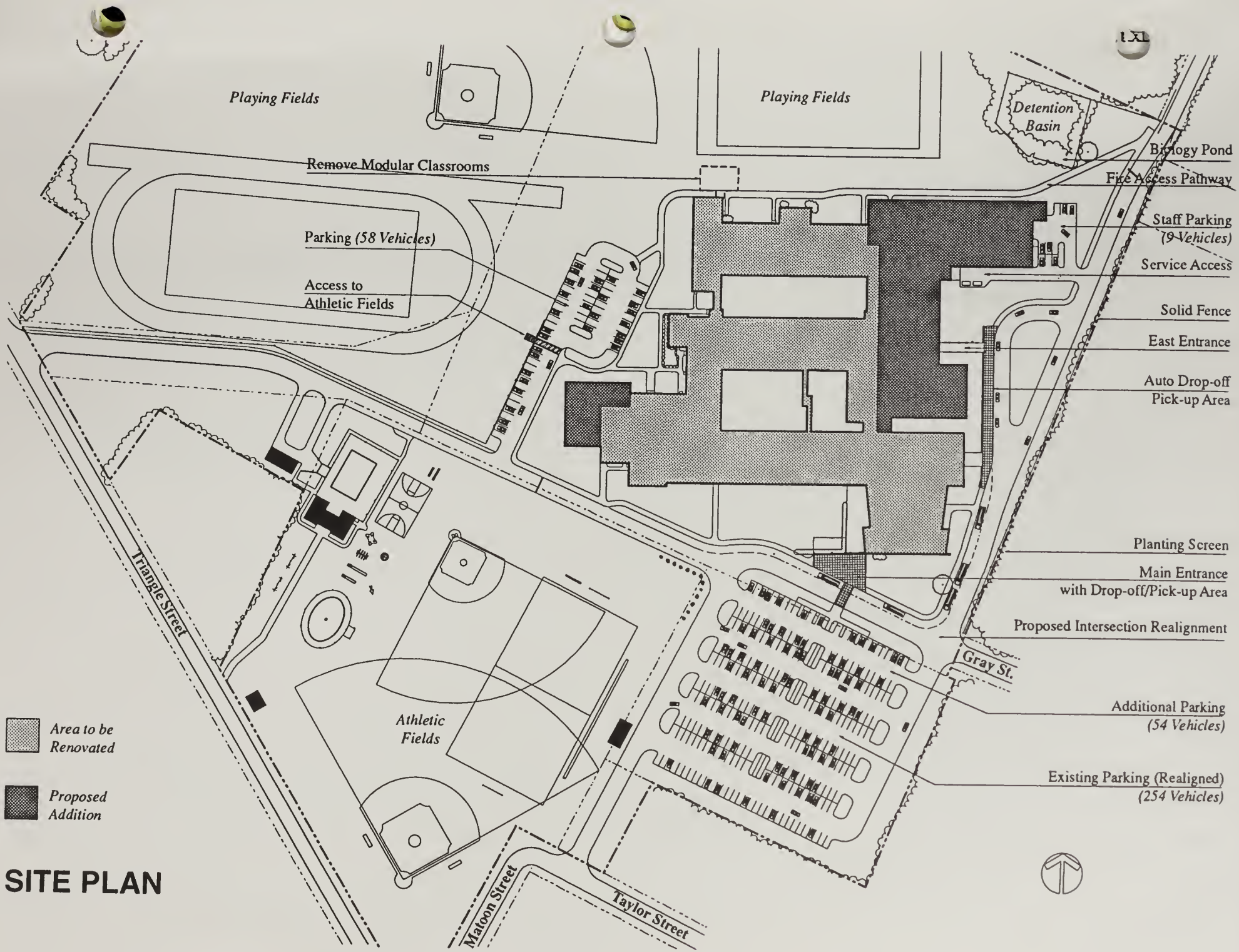
In order for the addition and existing school to blend together as a cohesive unit, (and to obtain state approval for our reimbursement), the existing building must be updated and renovated. The existing cafeteria will be converted into a large group instruction area, expanded bathrooms for the auditorium and special education spaces. The existing library will be converted into small classroom spaces. The present art classroom will be converted to an additional music room. The auditorium will be updated with new lighting and sound systems. For the most part, the existing classroom layout will remain the same and will be upgraded.

A concerted effort has been made to use existing systems where possible. All HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems will be upgraded as needed for energy efficiency and code compliance. A new roof, new lockers, insulation and windows will be installed and all interior spaces will be updated for compliance with ADA and state accessibility guidelines.

A small addition will be constructed on the west side of the gym to house two new 2,500 square foot exercise rooms to augment the need for additional physical education teaching stations. It will also house a training room and additional storage space.

Finally, the site will be improved in several ways. The existing parking lot will be expanded north for an additional 54 parking spaces, and an additional 58 car parking lot will be added on the west side of the gym. The road and intersection immediately south of the school will be rearranged to allow for safer and more efficient traffic patterns. A new entrance canopy on the south side will help focus attention to the existing main entrance. The Junior High connector road will be altered to allow for an automobile drop-off area adjacent to the new east entrance to the addition.

In summary, all the new square footage (except for the exercise rooms), is consolidated into one new addition, linked to the existing school by a new major circulation corridor. Every effort has been made to tie together an updated 40-year-old school with a new addition so they will work as a whole and will serve our four regional communities well into the 21st Century.


Playing Fields
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Detention Basin
Biology Pond
Remove Modular Classrooms
Fire Access Pathway
Staff Parking (9 Vehicles)
Parking (58 Vehicles)
Service Access
Access to Athletic Fields
Solid Fence
East Entrance
Auto Drop-off Pick-up Area
Planting Screen
Main Entrance with Drop-off/Pick-up Area
Proposed Intersection Realignment
Gray St.
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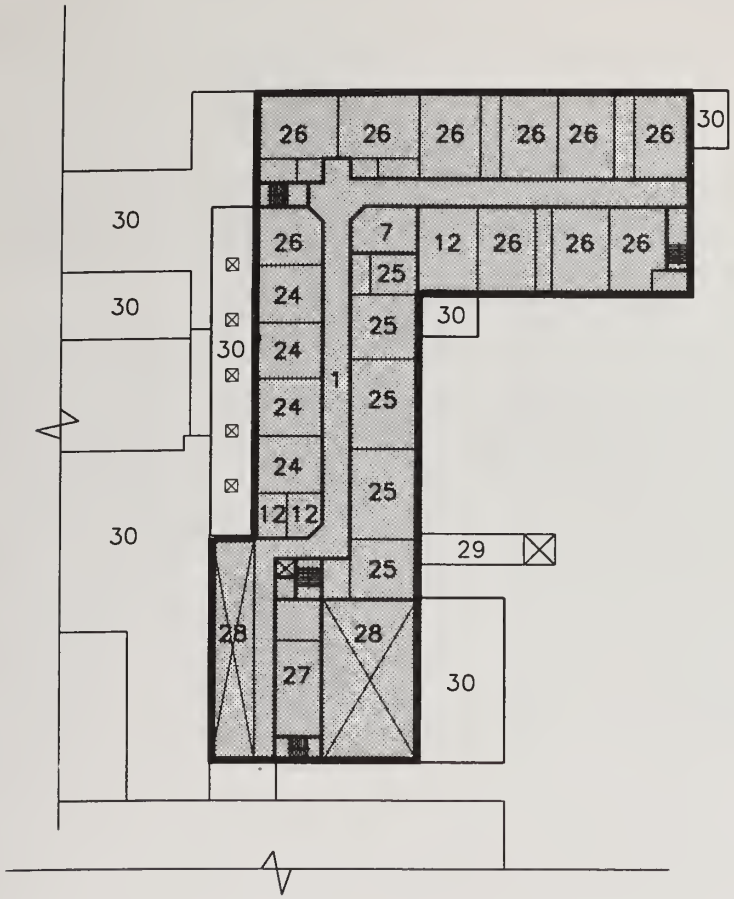

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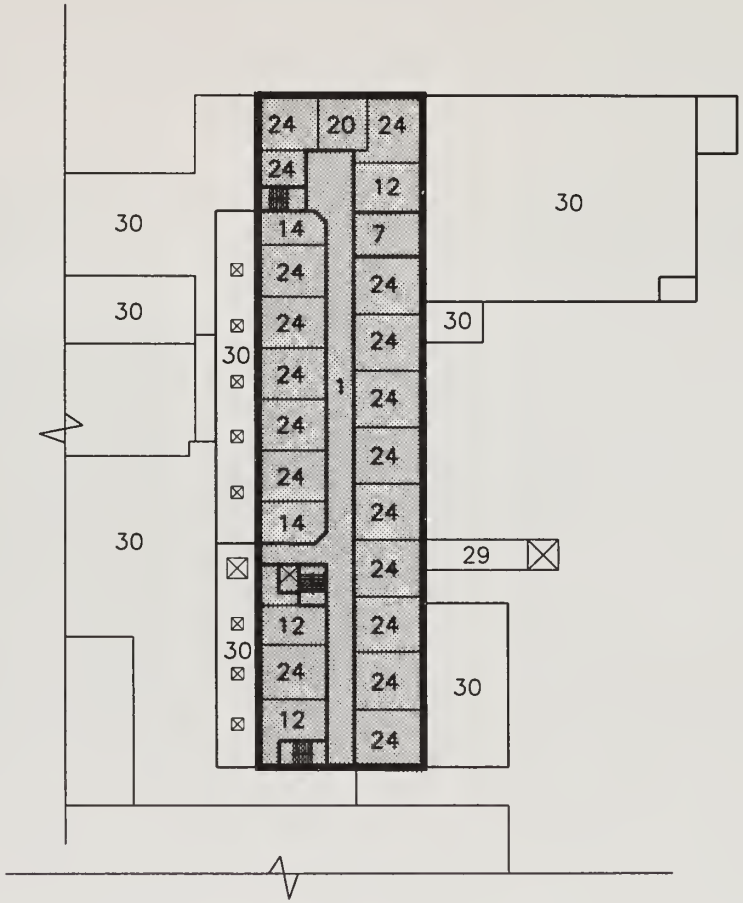

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AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEBT SCHEDULE (estimate)

A. Three Year Temporary Financing

3 Year	Principal Outstanding	Principal	Interest 5.50%	Annual Debt Service	State Aid 67.00%	Net Debt Service
1	$1,400,000	$350,000	$77,000	$427,000	—	$427,000
2	1,050,000	475,000	57,750	532,750	—	532,750
3	575,000	575,000	31,625	606,625	—	606,625
		$1,400,000	$166,375	$1,566,375		$1,566,375

MEMBER TOWN with Equalized Valuation Percentage:

EQV Year:	1992			
77.32%	6.44%	8.40%	7.84%	100.00%
Amherst	Pelham	Leverett	Shutesbury	
$330,156	$27,499	$35,868	$33,477	
411,922	34,309	44,751	41,768	
469,042	39,067	50,957	47,559	
$1,211,121	$100,875	$131,576	$122,804	

NOTE: Temporary financing requires a principal payment in the third year of at least 1/3. To reduce the overall impact in year three, as well as the remaining principal which would be due on the permanent financing, the above has been structured to include principal payments in each of the first two years of the temporary financing.

Total Debt: $ 23,100,000 (Temporary @ $ 1,400,000 to cover architectural/construction documents; $21,700,000 permanent debt for remainder of project). Assuming funds were first borrowed in FY95 the first payment on the Temporary Debt would be FY96.

A request would be made for SBAB Reimbursement over 17 years (Length of permanent note).

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEBT SCHEDULE (estimate)

B. Seventeen Year Bond Issue (20 years = 3 years temporary + 17 years permanent)

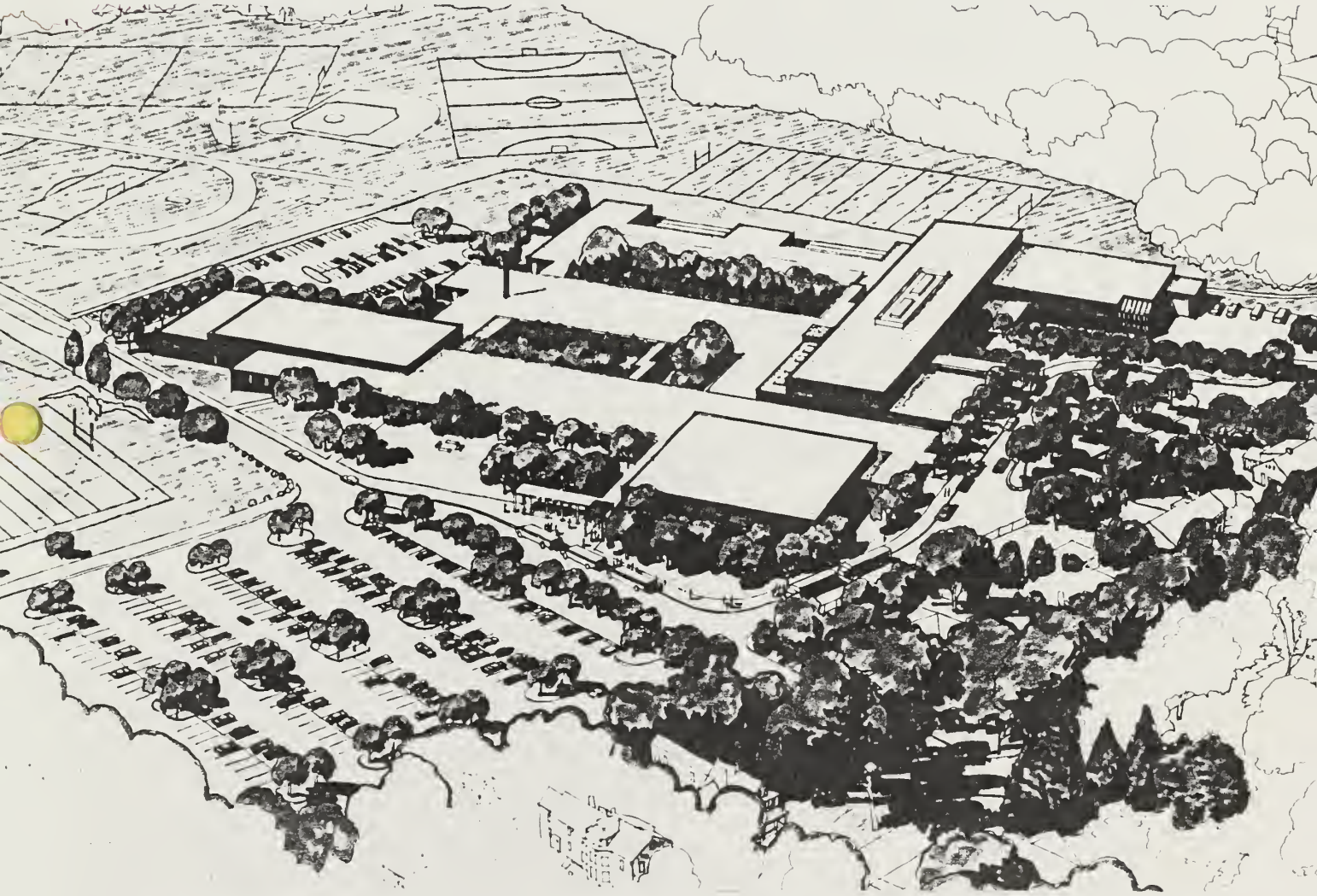
17 Year	Principal Outstanding	Principal	Interest 5.50%	Annual Debt Service	State Aid 67.00%	Net Debt Service
1	$21,700,000	$1,276,471	$1,193,500	$2,469,971	1,340,310	1,129,660
2	20,423,529	1,276,471	1,123,294	2,399,765	1,340,310	1,059,454
3	19,147,059	1,276,471	1,053,088	2,329,559	1,340,310	989,248
4	17,870,588	1,276,471	982,882	2,259,353	1,340,310	919,043
5	16,594,118	1,276,471	912,676	2,189,147	1,340,310	848,837
6	15,317,647	1,276,471	842,471	2,118,941	1,340,310	778,631
7	14,041,176	1,276,471	772,265	2,048,735	1,340,310	708,425
8	12,764,706	1,276,471	702,059	1,978,529	1,340,310	638,219
9	11,488,235	1,276,471	631,853	1,908,324	1,340,310	568,013
10	10,211,765	1,276,471	561,647	1,838,118	1,340,310	497,807
11	8,935,294	1,276,471	491,441	1,767,912	1,340,310	427,601
12	7,658,824	1,276,471	421,235	1,697,706	1,340,310	357,396
13	6,382,353	1,276,471	351,029	1,627,500	1,340,310	287,190
14	5,105,882	1,276,471	280,824	1,557,294	1,340,310	216,984
15	3,829,412	1,276,471	210,618	1,487,088	1,340,310	146,778
16	2,552,941	1,276,471	140,412	1,416,882	1,340,310	76,572
17	1,276,471	1,276,471	70,206	1,346,676	1,340,310	6,366
		$21,700,000	$10,741,500	$32,441,500	$22,785,276	$9,656,224

MEMBER TOWN with Equalized Valuation Percentage:

EQV Year:	1992				
77.32%	6.44%	8.40%	7.84%	100.00%	
Amherst	Pelham	Leverett	Shutesbury		
$873,453	$72,750	$94,891	$88,565		
819,170	68,229	88,994	83,061		
764,887	63,708	83,097	77,557		
710,604	59,186	77,200	72,053		
656,321	54,665	71,302	66,549		
602,037	50,144	65,405	61,045		
547,754	45,623	59,508	55,541		
493,471	41,101	53,610	50,036		
439,188	36,580	47,713	44,532		
384,905	32,059	41,816	39,028		
330,621	27,538	35,919	33,524		
276,338	23,016	30,021	28,020		
222,055	18,495	24,124	22,516		
167,772	13,974	18,227	17,012		
113,489	9,452	12,329	11,507		
59,205	4,931	6,432	6,003		
4,922	410	535	499		
$7,466,192	$621,861	$811,123	$757,048		
23.01%	1.92%	2.50%	2.33%	% of Project $	
				29.77%	

Regional School Building Committee
Status Report to Town Meetings
Amherst, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury
March 14, 15, 16 - 1994

Amherst Regional High School Addition/Renovation Project



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INTRODUCTION

The Regional School Building Needs Committee met for three years - monitoring enrollment trends, looking at the use of space in the junior and senior high schools, and the overall condition of these two schools. Enrollments projections showed space would be running out at both the junior and senior high schools beginning with the 1994/95 school year. This committee undertook a feasibility study of both schools in terms of alternative options for increase space. The committee concluded it was less expensive to undertake one building project at one school rather than attempt to add space to both schools.

The Regional School Committee shared this conclusion and agreed it would be best to locate this project at the present high school - which would allow other building maintenance needs to be addressed - and to also move the ninth grade class to the senior high school, thereby reuniting the 9-12 curriculum continuum.

We appreciate this opportunity to share this brief status report to all four regional towns at this time.

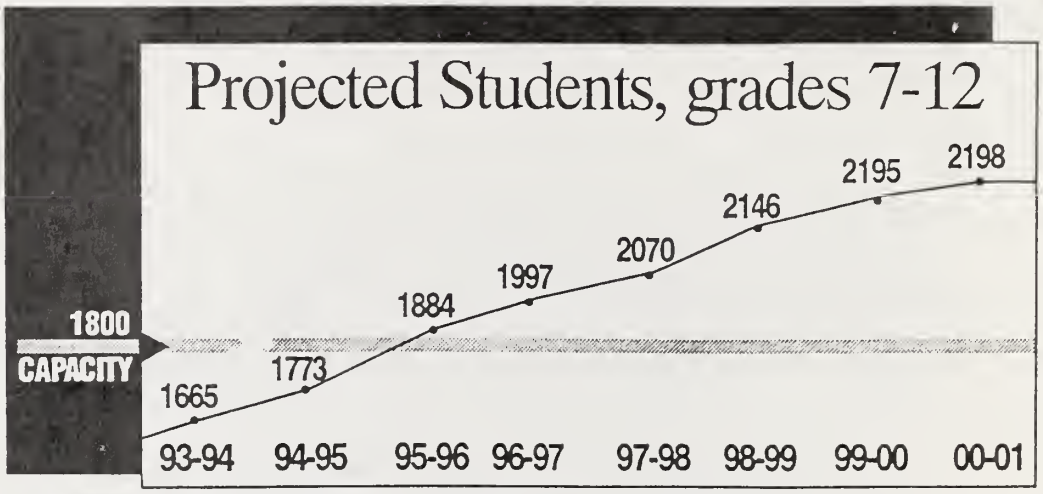
Joan Hanson and Merle Howes
Co-Chairpersons

REGIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ronald Bell, Assistant Superintendent
Paul Burnim, Chapter I/Staff Development Coordinator
Sarah Collins, Student Representative
Janice Denton, Amherst Representative
John DeNyse, Amherst Representative
Merle Howes, Amherst Representative
Thomas Fanning, Pelham Representative
Joan Hanson, Shutesbury Representative
Lorraine Kavanagh, Instructional Director/ARHS
Lilian Kravitz, Teacher Representative
Paul Lawler, Maintenance Director
Peter May, Leverett Representative
John Robinson, At Large (Parent)
Myra Ross, Regional School Committee
Thomas Styspeck, Teacher Representative

Regional schools need more space

By MERLE HOWES
and JOAN HANSON



Envision Amherst Regional High School in the year 2000 (only six years away) with double the number of students it holds today! Why will this happen, who is working this problem, and what is being done immediately to plan for the future space necessary for our high school students?

Over the last three years, a Building Needs Study Committee, with representatives from the schools and the four regional towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury, studied student population growth, space alternatives, and the feasibility of building additions/renovations for both the junior and senior high schools. The committee also considered the possibility of a third secondary school.

When the junior high opened in 1969, it had a projected maximum capacity of 1,100 students in grades 7-9. The high school opened in 1956 and, after an addition was added in 1963, it had a projected maximum capacity of 1,000 students in grades 10-12. Over the years the schools have required a very different use of instructional space, resulting from new state and federal mandates, new curriculum and smaller instructional groupings to meet these mandates, as well as the addition of academic resource centers and computer laboratory facilities. Consequently, the functional capacity of the junior high school has been reduced to 900 students and the high school to 850 students — or a total capacity of 1,750 students in grades 7-12. The junior high is at capacity this year, and the senior high is expected to reach its capacity in 1995-96.

Rather than place additions at both schools, the Regional School Committee voted last spring to move the ninth grade from the junior high to the high school and thus have only one building project. This decision is both cost-effective and educationally sound, as it reunites the ninth grade with the 9-12 curriculum in one location.

Unlike projecting future enrollments for the elementary schools, which depends on estimating birth rates, the students who will attend grades 7-12 over the next seven years are already enrolled in the elementary schools of the four regional towns. By the year 2000-2001, the number of students in grades 7-12 is projected to increase from our present 1,665 to 2,198.

In the spring of 1993, Town Meetings in all four regional towns voted to authorize the use of regional school funds to hire an architect to develop preliminary schematics and cost estimates. A Regional School Building Committee was appointed this fall.

An Educational Specifications Committee consisting of students, staff and parents was also appointed and researched what will be the educational needs the project should meet in the year 2000-2001. This committee used a state Department of Education formula to determine what existing space is available at the high school, what space could be renovated, and what new space would be needed. These specifications have been publicly reviewed and approved by the Regional School Committee and the Regional School Building Committee, and submitted to the state Department of Education for its review and approval. Additionally, the state will require the existing facilities to be brought into full compliance with all existing building codes and state/federal program and physical accessibility requirements.

A preliminary design for the high school addition/renovation project has also been approved by the Regional School Building Committee. It will now become available for review by local boards and the general public. The committee's tasks in finalizing this design are to approve a design that will meet the future educational needs of the students and staff, be of greatest use to the four regional towns, and be cost-efficient.

The state recommends a design and materials that can be used effectively for at least 40 years. Space that is flexible, encourages multiple use and is easily accessible by the general public is important. At this point, some 100,000 square feet of new space is required, as well as some internal renovations. One of the architect's responsibilities is to provide more precise cost estimates for this project.

The Building Committee will be making a decision very soon about requesting special Town Meetings in March for the purpose of seeking bond authorization for this project. If all four regional towns agree to authorize this project, the architect will develop final construction plans for submission to the Department of Education by June 1, 1994.

School construction plans are accepted and ranked by the Department of Education only once each year on June 1. Many communities are also developing similar plans and we will be in competition with them. Once the final plans have been approved by the state, it will likely be one to two years before state funding is approved and construction can begin. Construction itself will have to be staggered over time so the high school can remain in session, and it will likely take 12 to 15 months to complete. Thus, the fall of 1997 would be the earliest it could be expected for students to occupy the new space. The state reiumbursement for this project is presently 67 perc Once a specific project has been approved, a community cannot request additional funds related to this project for 10 years. Thus, it is important to plan ahead for the future.

What is now projected is new space plus some renovated space plus bringing the present building up to code. The Building Committee plans a series of public meetings for all four communities in February to review these plans. These will be announced in the press and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Members of the Regional School Building Committee are: Amherst, Janice Denton, Merle Howes, and Jack DeNyse; Pelham, Tom Fanning; Leverett, Peter May; and Shutesbury, Joan Hanson. Other committee members include Ron Bell, Paul Burnim, Lorraine Kavanagh, Paul Lawlor, Lilian Kravitz, Tom Styspeck, John Robinson, Myra Ross, and Sarah Collins.

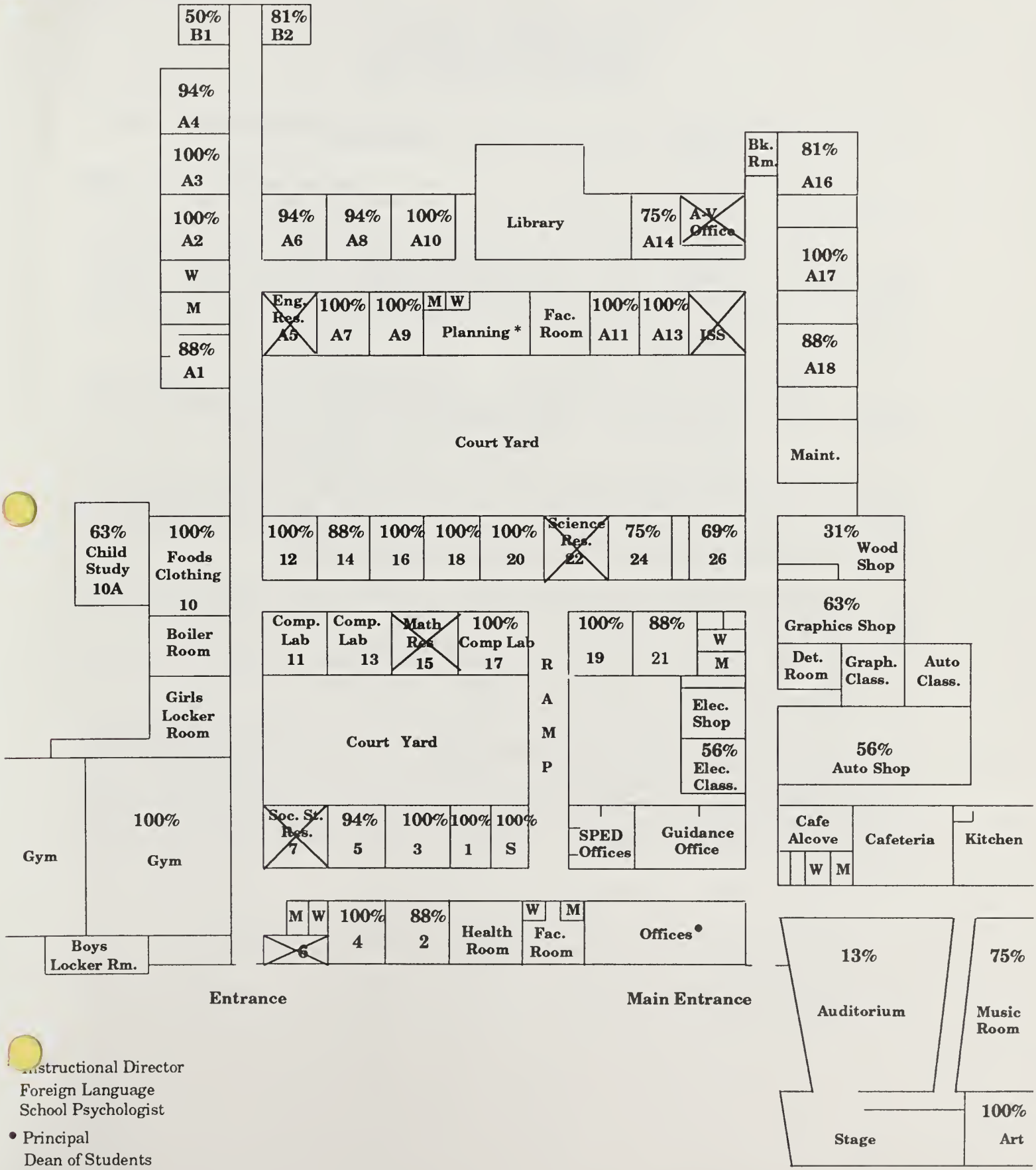
Our meetings are held m Monday evenings in the hi school library at 7:30 p.m. Please stay informed and ask questions as we go along so that we can do our best planning for this important community project.

Merle Howes and Joan Hanson are co-chairs of the Regional School Building Committee.

AMHERST REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOM UTILIZATION PERCENTAGE 1993-1994 (Enrollment = 759)

22 Multi-purpose Classrooms (15 @ 100%)
6 Science Classrooms/Labs (69% - 100% Range)
15 Single Purpose Classrooms/Labs (31% - 100% Range)

NOTE: Seven class sections that normally would be taught at the Jr. High are being taught at the High School this year because of space constraints at the Jr. High.



* Instructional Director
Foreign Language
School Psychologist

• Principal
Dean of Students
Registrar

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE BUREAU

The requirements of the School Building Assistance Bureau (SBAB) are many. The major ones are summarized here for your information.

1. Renovations by themselves are not usually eligible for SBAB reimbursement. Renovations that are part of an addition project are eligible.

2. SBAB is not interested in approving a project for a new addition unless the existing building is brought up to acceptable condition. Acceptable means the building is brought up to State/Federal codes for energy use, wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilating, handicapped access, etc. A SBAB "rule of thumb" is that renovations of an existing building should be about 50% of the construction costs for new space.

3. SBAB wants a completed project - addition plus renovations - that will ensure use of the school for another 40 years. Once a project is approved, the town or region cannot go back to SBAB for further help with this project for 10 years.

4. SBAB planning guidelines allow for 155 square feet per student plus additional space for special education, remedial services, bilingual education, community and collaborative space. For cost guidelines, SBAB will reimburse the region up to $152.00/square foot for new construction costs and $76.00/square foot for renovation costs.

5. Square footage for specific areas in the school are spelled out in SBAB guidelines which must be followed locally in developing educational specifications for the project.

6. The purposes for the increased space must be justified by (1) enrollment projections and (2) educational program needs.

7. SBAB will not approve a project until full project funding is authorized by local communities, and a complete set of construction documents have been submitted to and approved by SBAB. Once a letter of approval for the project has been received from SBAB, the local community can either wait until reimbursement funds have been approved by the State Board of Education (which may take 1-2 years), or it can proceed to go out to bid, start construction early, and develop a financing plan which recognizes reimbursements would not flow for another year or two.

CONCEPTUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE
Amherst Regional High School
DRA/Kuhn Riddle Architects
February 28, 1994

General Requirements	$1,195,000
Sitework	535,000
Main Addition	9,889,000
Music Addition	200,000
Gym Addition	695,000
Existing School Renovation	4,621,000
SUBTOTAL	17,135,000
GC Overhead & Profit (3%)	514,000
Bond (1%)	176,000
SUBTOTAL	17,825,000
Design & Bidding Contingency (10%)	1,783,000
TOTAL CONST. COST ESTIMATE	$19,608,000
Other Expenses (Soft Costs) - 25%	4,900,000
TOTAL COST	$24,508,000

PROPORTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF COST ESTIMATE

	EXIST	NEW	GYM	MUSIC	TOTAL
BASE COST	4,621,000	9,889,000	695,000	200,000	15,405,000
GENL. COND.	375,000	750,000	50,000	20,000	1,195,000
SITEWORK		510,000	20,000	5,000	535,000
SUBTOTAL	$4,996,000	11,149,000	765,000	225,000	17,135,000
O. H. & P. (3%)	151,000	333,000	23,000	7,000	514,000
BOND (1%)	53,000	113,000	8,000	2,000	176,000
CONT. (10%)	520,000	1,161,000	80,000	22,000	1,783,000
TOTAL	$5,720,000	12,756,000	876,000	256,000	$19,608,000

(2/24/94)

PROPOSED REVIEW SEQUENCE
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION/RENOVATIONS

I. Review and understand fully the bases for architects' and engineers' cost estimates as presented.

A. Generic Contract Items
1. Contingency accounts
2. Miscellaneous accounts
3. Percentages used
4. Fees

B. Non-building items
1. Roadways
2. Walkways
3. Paving
4. Plantings
5. Athletic fields
6. Gas line
7. Other ?

C. New Addition - Other Than Space and Programs
1. Skylight
2. Demolition
3. Exterior sash options
4. Specialties -
5. Plumbing options
6. HVAC options
7. Electrical options
8. Canopies
9. Other ?

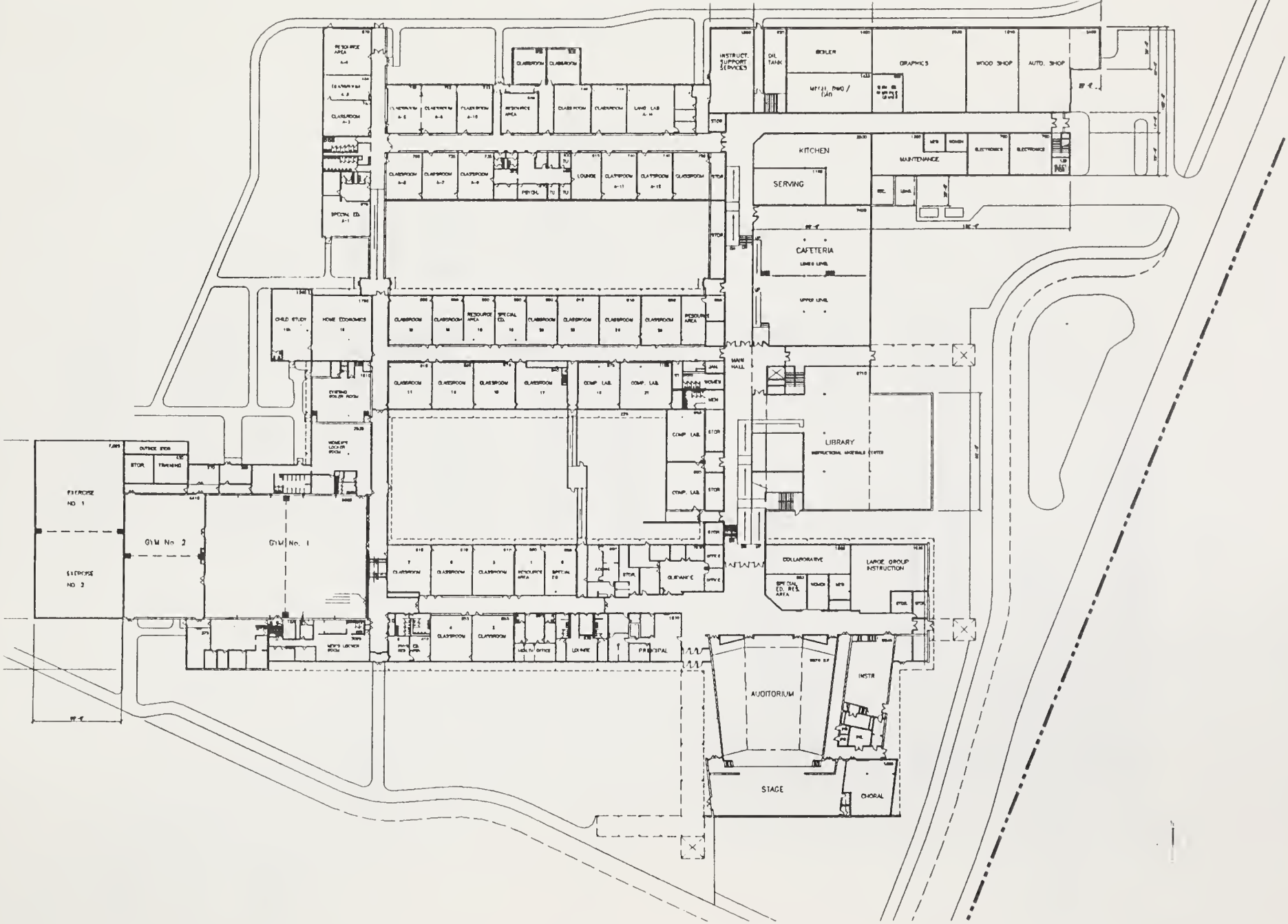
D. New Addition - Space and Program Issues
1. Classroom size
2. Cafeteria size
3. Library size
4. Classroom furnishings and equipment - fixed
5. Classroom furnishings and equipment - movable
6. Science lab equipment
7. Small group spaces
8. Other ?

E. Existing Building - Other Than Space and Programs
   1. Roofs
   2. HVAC options
   3. Plumbing options
   4. Electrical options
   5. Fire protection options
   6. Gym entrance corridor
   7. PE partitions
   8. Toilet renovations
   9. Ceiling tile replacement
   10. Exterior sash options
   11. Front entrance canopies
   12. ADA and other code compliance costs
   13. Other

F. Existing Building - Space and Program Issues
   1. Music addition
   2. PE addition
   3. Renovated spaces - purposes
   4. Study hall classrooms - 5
   5. Offices
   6. Other

REVISED PLANNING TIMELINE

March:	1	Joint Meeting with Town Select Boards/Finance Committee - ARHS 7:30 PM
	14	Status Reports
		Special Town Meeting - Amherst Special Town Meeting - Leverett
	15	Special Town Meeting - Shutesbury
	16	Special Town Meeting - Pelham
April:		Public Forums - All Towns
	25	Amherst Town Meeting Starts
	30	Leverett Town Meeting
May:	7	Shutesbury Town Meeting
	14	Pelham Town Meeting



Amherst Regional High School

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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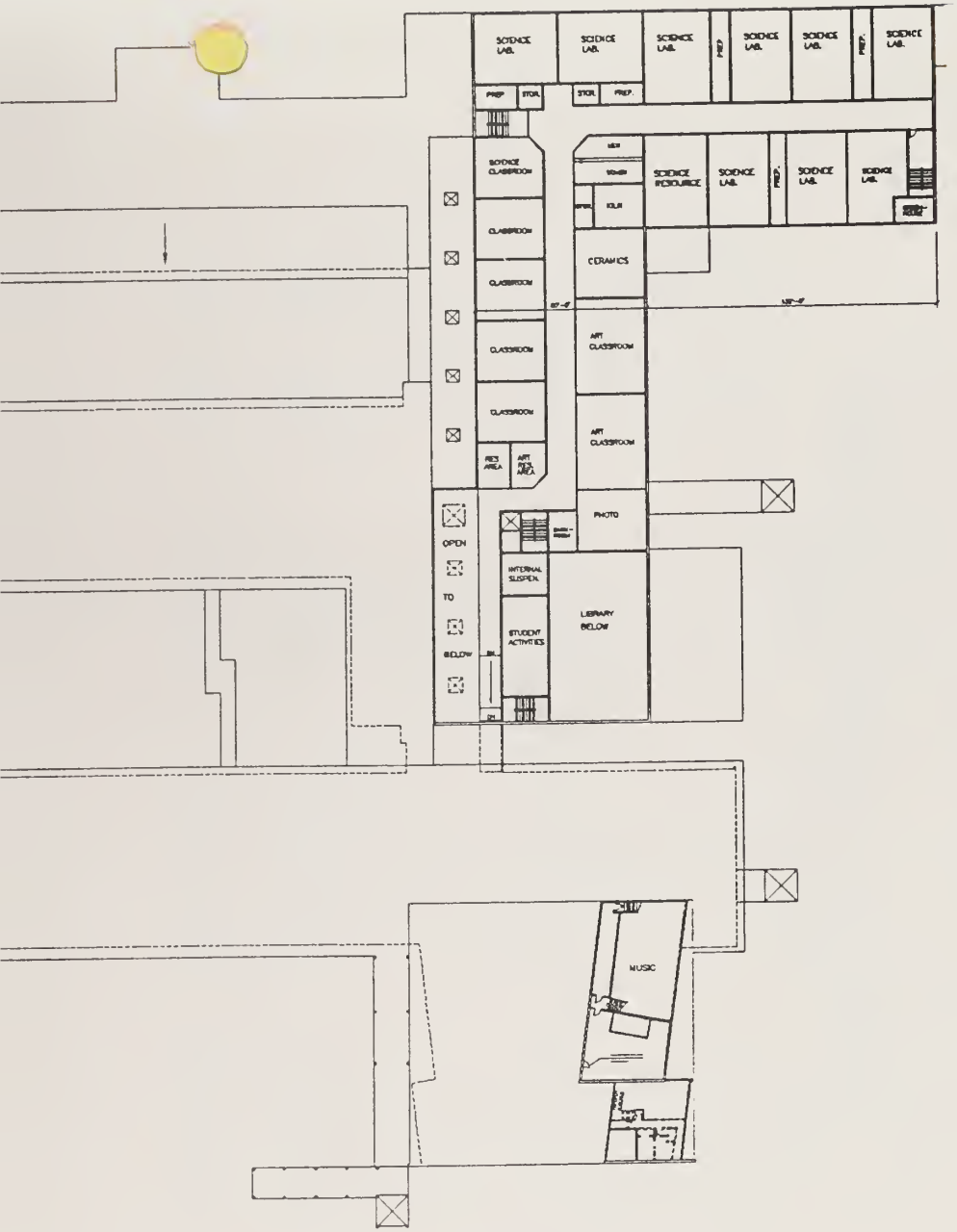
SCALE 1/32" = 1'-0"
MARCH 14 1994



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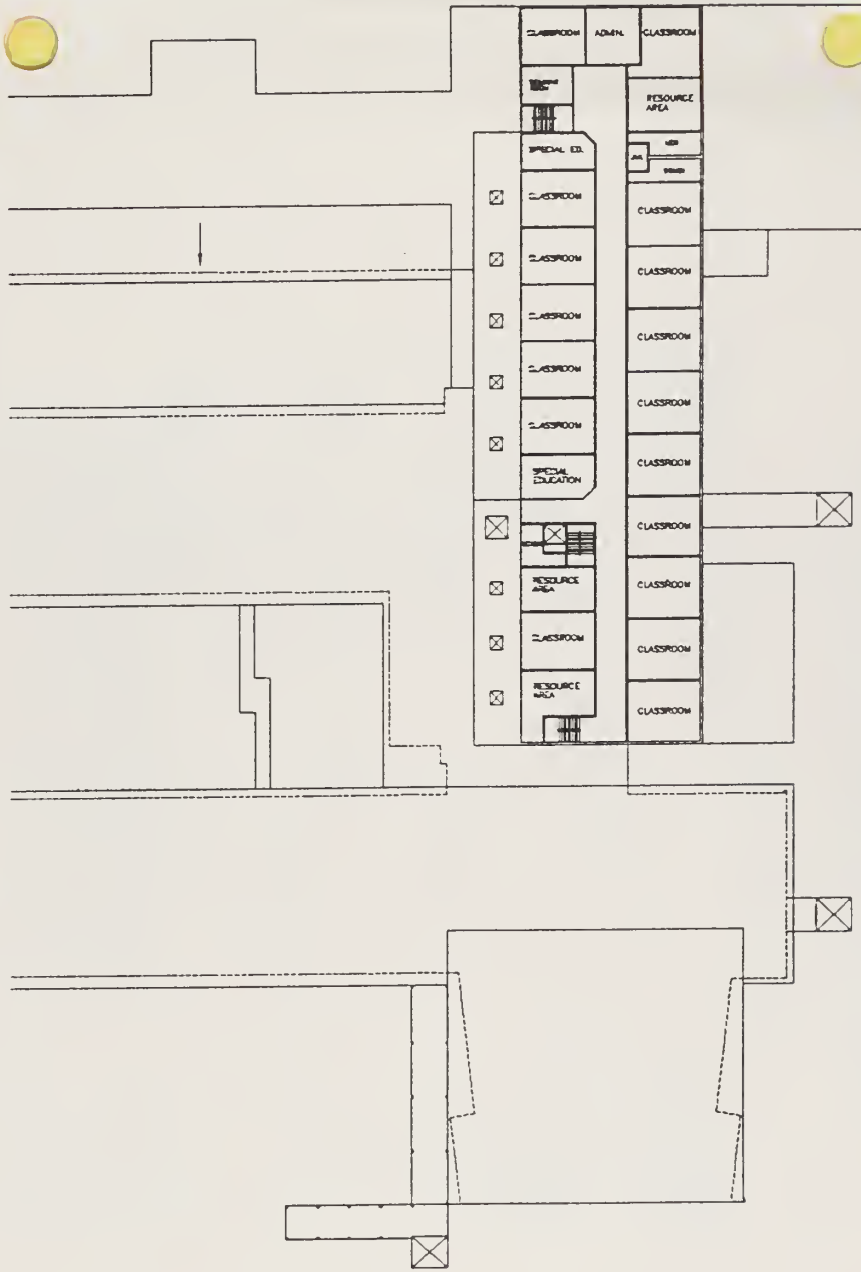

THIRD FLOOR

Amherst Regional High School

UPPER FLOOR PLANS

KUHN RIDDLE ARCHITECTS
BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP

May 2, 1994

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ADDITION/RENOVATION PROJECT

PROJECTED BUDGET ESTIMATES

General Requirements	$ 1,180,000
Sitework	565,000
Additions	10,400,000
Existing School Renovations	4,001,000
SUBTOTAL	16,146,000
GC Overhead & Profit (3%)	484,000
Bond (1%)	166,000
SUBTOTAL	16,796,000
Design Contingency (10%)	1,796,000
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE	18,475,000
OTHER COSTS:	
Furnishings and Equipment	1,500,000
Architectural/Engineering Fees and Final Construction Plans	1,650,000
Surveys, Testing, Printing,etc.	300,000
Contingency (5% Total Project)	1,175,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	$ 23,100,000

PROPORTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF COST ESTIMATES

	EXISTING	NEW ADDITIONS	TOTAL
BASE COST	4,001,000	10,400,000	14,410,000
GENL. COND.	319,000	861,000	1,180,000
SITE WORK	45,000	520,000	565,000
SUBTOTAL	4,365,000	11,781,000	16,146,000
O.H. & P. (3%)	128,000	356,000	484,000
BOND (1%)	45,000	121,000	166,000
CONTG. (10%)	454,000	1,225,000	1,679,000
OTHER COSTS	1,253,000	3,372,000	4,625,000
TOTAL COSTS	6,245,000	16,855,000	23,100,000

4/4/94

TOWN OF LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 30, 1994

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 30th day of April next, at 9:30 in the forenoon (9:30 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town bylaws.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the FY94 Reserve Fund.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to expend a sum of money in Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1994) which has been certified by the Department of Revenue as an available fund for the purpose of Chapter 90 type bridge and/or highway construction improvements and/or highway resurfacing.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash the sum of $20,000 into the Reserve Account.

Sponsor: Finance Committee
Selectboard

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from the Landfill Closure Fund, or borrow a sum not to exceed $64,500 for the Comprehensive Site Assessment for landfill closure.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash or available funds a sum of $1,200 for a new ramp at the Transfer Station.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee for the highway, fire, police complex. The committee will consist of five members, to be appointed by the selectboard, and will report back to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations.

Sponsor: Selectboard,
Police, Fire Departments

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $1,000 for an exhaust fan at the Fire Station.

Sponsor: Fire Department
Selectboard

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $2,200 to remove and discard the underground fuel oil tank at the North Fire Station and to install a new tank there.

Sponsor: Selectboard
Fire Department

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, stabilization or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $95,000 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Sponsor: Fire Department
Selectboard

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $2,500 for a rear mounted road sweeper for the Highway Department tractor.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $2000 for equipment repairs to Highway Department vehicles.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,600 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from available funds a sum of $300 for a roof and general improvements at the Town dog kennel.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the Bradford M. Field Memorial Library. Monies will be collected from the sale of discarded books and fines and fees collected for overdue, lost, or destroyed materials. Such monies will be credited to the Library Revolving Fund and expended by the Library Director without further appropriation to purchase books and videos. Total amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Night Custodian Revolving Fund as voted by Article 21, April 24, 1993.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum of $20,000 for the purpose of further increasing the elementary school budget to increase the salary of teachers, teacher aides, and the school principal.

Sponsor: Citizen's Petition

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of April, 1994.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Donald L. Gibavic

Alice J. Rarig

A true copy I attest:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: 4/12/94 Constable Ethan V. Hawardh

MINUTES
TOWN OF LEVERETT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 30, 1994

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Leverett was called to order at 9:38 AM by Assistant Moderator Gary Gruber. A quorum was declared present. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Motion was seconded and passed. An invocation was given by Sr. Clare Carter of the Peace Pagoda.

Steven Kulik, State Representative from the newly redistricted First Franklin District, addressed the meeting. Moderator Gruber brought to the attention of those present the dedication of the Annual Town Report to recently retired Moderator Ed Gere.

There were several announcements about school activities, Cultural Council projects, future Special Town Meeting, impending override election, and the fact that there will be a new seven-digit emergency telephone number in use as of July 1.

Bob Biagi and John Foster were appointed tellers for the meeting.

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town bylaws.

Following is a list of offices, term in years, nominees and vote totals if ballot was taken (asterisk indicates winner of election):
Assessor, 3 years, George Gibavic*
Assistant Moderator, 1 year, Gary Gruber*
Auditor, 1 year, Steve Nagy*
Board of Health, 3 years, Steve Blinn* (Beth Brainerd was nominated but it was determined that she is not a registered voter, so nomination was declared invalid)
Library Trustees (2), 3 years, Judy Batty 47, Bob Schuyler 58*, Sue Nagy 56*
Constable, 3 years, Ethan Howard*
Constable, 2 years, John Swartz*
Finance Committee (2), 3 years, Jackie McNeal*, Richard Roberts Jr.*
Planning Board (2), 5 years, Ben Minks*, Van Stoddard*
Planning Board, 1 year, Jenny Daniell*
(At this point in the meeting, Planning Board Chair Ken Kahn recognized the combined total of 35 years on the Planning Board of Bill Bramlage and Tom Stevens, who were both leaving the board at this time.)
School Committee (2), 3 years Charles Paulin*, Lynn Peterfreund*
Selectboard, 3 years, Alice Rarig*
Tree Warden, 1 year, Will Stratford*
Library Trustee, 1 year, Judy Batty 63*, Ruth West 26

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the FY94 Reserve Fund.

Bob Stachowiak: I move that the town transfer $12,140.20 to the Fiscal 1994 Reserve Fund as follows: $613.00 from Building Insurance (Acct. 193), $1041.00 from Auto Collision/Comprehensive (Acct. 194), $2100.20 from Police Insurance (Acct. 210), $2700.00 from Unemployment Contribution (Acct. 913) and $5686.00 from Liability Insurance (Acct. 945).
Motion seconded by Don Gibavic.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

The Fiscal Year 1995 budget was read line by line by the Moderator. The following items were held for further discussion: Selectmen expenses, Accounting Officer salary, Treasurer salary, Collector salary, Town Counsel, Police salaries, Fire salaries, Highway salaries, Elementary Schools, Regional Schools.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town raise and appropriate $562,618 for the unheld items in the FY95 budget. Motion was seconded and recommended by Finance Committee. Motion carried.

The selectboard explained various aspects of the held budget items.
Judy Weinthaler: I move that the Regional School budget amount be reduced from $598,201 to $583,332. Motion was seconded. After discussion, motion carried.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town raise and appropriate $1,591,476 for the held items in the FY95 budget. Motion seconded and carried.
(Total budget voted: $2,154,094.00)

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to expend a sum of money in Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1994) which has been certified by the Department of Revenue as an available fund for the purpose of Chapter 90 type bridge and/or highway construction improvements and/or highway resurfacing.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to expend a sum of money in Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1994) which will be certified by the Department of Revenue as an available fund for the purpose of Chapter 90 type bridge and/or highway construction improvements and/or highway resurfacing.
Motion was seconded by Alice Rarig. Finance Committee recommended.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash the sum of $20,000 into the Reserve Account.

Bob Stachowiak: I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of $20,000 into the Reserve Account.
Motion was seconded by Don Gibavic. **Motion carried.**

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from the Landfill Closure Fund, or borrow a sum not to exceed $64,500 for the Comprehensive Site Assessment for landfill closure.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town vote to expend from the Landfill Closure Fund, a sum not to exceed $44,000 for the Comprehensive Site Assessment for landfill closure.
Motion seconded by John Foster. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash or available funds a sum of $1,200 for a new ramp at the Transfer Station.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,200 for a new ramp at the Transfer Station.
Motion was seconded by George Drake. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee for the highway, fire, police complex. The committee will consist of five members, to be appointed by the selectboard, and will report back to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to establish a building committee for the highway, fire, police complex. The committee will consist of five members, to be appointed by the selectboard, and will report back to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations.
Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $1,000 for an exhaust fan at the Fire Station.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,000 for an exhaust fan at the Fire Station.
Motion was seconded by Don Gibavic. Finance Committee recommended the article. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $2,200 to remove and discard the underground fuel oil tank at the North Fire Station and to install a new tank there.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $2,200 to remove and discard the underground fuel oil tank at the North Fire Station and to install a new tank there.
Motion seconded by Don Gibavic. **Motion carried unanimously.**

At 12:00 noon, Moderator Gruber called for a one hour lunch recess. Meeting participants were invited to tour the school, portable classrooms, inspect the new elevator, chair lift and handicapped bathrooms.

At 1:05 pm the meeting reconvened.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, stabilization or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $95,000 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Don Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from stabilization a sum not to exceed $47,500 and borrow a sum not to exceed $47,500 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.
Alice Rarig seconded the motion. Stewart Olson presented a description of the department's need, and the proposal for the new piece of equipment. Finance Committee recommended the motion. Capital Planning recommended the motion, based on the understanding that Engine #1 would be removed from the town, and would not remain in Town ownership in any way.
Motion carried: yes votes-59, no votes-1.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $2,500 for a rear mounted road sweeper for the Highway Department tractor.

Alice Rarig: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $2,500 for a rear mounted road sweeper for the Highway Department tractor.
Motion was seconded by Don Gibavic. Finance Committee recommended.
Motion carried.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $2000 for equipment repairs to Highway Department vehicles.

Alice Rarig: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $2000 for equipment repairs to Highway Department vehicles.
Motion was seconded and recommended by the Finance Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,600 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,600 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.
Don Gibavic seconded the motion. Finance Committee recommended the motion. **Motion carried.**

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from available funds a sum of $300 for a roof and general improvements at the Town dog kennel.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $300 for a roof and general improvements at the Town dog kennel.

Fenna Lee Bonsignore seconded the motion, recommended by Finance Committee.
Motion carried.

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the Bradford M. Field Memorial Library. Monies will be collected from the sale of discarded books and fines and fees collected for overdue, lost, or destroyed materials. Such monies will be credited to the Library Revolving Fund and expended by the Library Director without further appropriation to purchase books and videos. Total amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

Sondra Corcoran: I move that the Town vote to establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the Bradford M. Field Memorial Library. Monies will be collected from the sale of discarded books and fines and fees collected for overdue, lost, or destroyed materials. Such monies will be credited to the Library Revolving Fund and expended by the Library Director without further appropriation to purchase books and videos. Total amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.
Motion was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Night Custodian Revolving Fund as voted by Article 21, April 24, 1993.

Don Gibavic: I move that the Town vote to authorize the continuation of the Night Custodian Revolving Fund as voted by Article 21, April 24, 1993.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum of $20,000 for the purpose of further increasing the elementary school budget to increase the salary of teachers, teacher aides, and the school principal.

Joan Snowdon: I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of $20,000 for the purpose of further increasing the elementary school budget to increase the salary of teachers, teacher aides, and the school principal.

Motion was seconded. Motion was opposed by the Finance Committee and was opposed by the selectboard.

Motion carried: yes votes-35, no votes-20.

At 2:35pm Don Gibavic made a motion to recess the meeting, because the budget voted exceeded the limits of Proposition 2 and 1/2, until June 6, 1994, after the May 21 override election. Motion was seconded and carried.

Minutes recorded by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

MINUTES
RECONVENED SESSION
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 6, 1994

At 8:37pm the Reconvened session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard Howland.

Moderator Howland asked the Town Clerk for the results of the override election held in May. The clerk reported that all questions had passed.

Don Gibavic made a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes recorded by D'Ann Sauer Kelty, Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEVERETT FY95 Budget
April 30, 1994

account #			
113-5100	Town Meeting salaries	200	
113	Town Meeting expenses	245	
114-5100	Moderator salary	50	
122-5100	Selectmen salaries	11474	
122	Selectmen expenses	2260	
124-5100	Administrative Assistant salaries	17983	
124	Administrative Assistant expenses	3401	
131	Finance Committee	95	
135-2100	Accounting Officer salaries	6000	
135	Accounting Officer expenses	3510	
141-5100	Assessors salaries	3848	
141	Assessors expenses	950	
142	Revaluation	8000	
145-5100	Treasurer salaries	6000	
145	Treasurer expenses	2065	
146-5100	Collector salaries	6000	
146	Collector expenses	2332	
149	Capital Planning	100	
151	Town Counsel	1000	
161-5100	Town Clerk salaries	6729	
161	Town Clerk expenses	1570	
162-5100	Elections salaries	900	
162	Elections expenses	100	
163-5100	Registrars salaries	170	
163	Registrars expenses	50	
171-5100	Conservation Commission salaries	1000	
171	Conservation Commission expenses	575	
175	Planning Board	1350	
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	150	
192-5100	Building Maintenance salaries	2411	
192	Building Maintenance	11000	
193	Building Insurance	6730	
195	Town Report	1400	
198-5100	Newsletter	1168	
	100 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		110816
210-5100	Police wages/salaries	37050	
210	Police insurance	2075	
210	Police expenses	20700	
220-5100	Fire wages/salaries	11950	
220	Fire insurance	3400	
220	Fire expenses	10625	
231-5200	Ambulance	6480	
241-5200	Building Inspector	7819	
242-5200	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	5902	
245-5200	Electrical Inspector	3857	
249	Animal Inspector salary	100	
291	Emergency Planning salary	25	
292-5100	Dog Officer salary	650	
292	Dog Officer expenses	90	
299	Tree Warden expenses	3500	
	200 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		114223

300	School, Elementary	860629	
310	School, Regional	583332	
302-5100	School Committee salaries	250	
	300 TOTAL EDUCATION		1444211
422-5100	Highway wages	77255	
422	Highway expenses	81365	
423-5100	Snow and Ice salaries	10000	
423	Snow and ice expenses	20000	
424	Street Lights	2534	
439-5100	Transfer Station wages	5588	
439	Transfer Station expenses	25800	
491	Cemetaries - North	550	
491	Cemetaries - Village	550	
	400 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		223642
510-5100	Board of Health salaries	1200	
510	Board of Health expenses	925	
519-5200	Health Agent	7668	
541	Council on Aging	340	
543-5200	Veterans Agent	3648	
	500 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		13781
610-5100	Library salaries	7733	
610	Library expenses	2541	
691	Historical Commission	200	
692	Harvest Festival	50	
	600 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		10524
710	Debt Principal	71187	
751	Debt Interest	14063	
	700 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		85250
911-5100	Franklin County Retirement	40442	
912-5100	Workers Comp	15000	
913-5100	Unemployment	2000	
914-5100	Health Insurance	74000	
915-5100	Life Insurance	470	
916-5100	Medicare	8000	
945	Liability Insurance	4128	
946	Auto insurance	7607	
	900 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		151647
		TOTAL	2154094

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Leverett Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95

DEPARTMENT	Fy93 Expended	Fy94 Budgeted	Fy95 Proposed
113 **TOWN MEETING**			
Salaries	98.19	200.00	200.00
Expenses	119.34	245.00	245.00
TOTAL	217.53	445.00	445.00
114 **MODERATOR**	50.00	50.00	50.00
122 **SELECTMEN**			
Salaries			
Chair	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
2 members	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Clerk	7,557.00	7,844.00	8,424.00
Subtotal	10,607.00	10,894.00	11,474.00
Expenses			
Telephone	299.51	275.00	275.00
Supplies/dues/misc	1,424.27	1,500.00	1,500.00
bids/ads	68.60	200.00	200.00
Postage	339.50	185.00	185.00
Travel/conference	11.88	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	2,143.76	2,260.00	2,260.00
TOTAL	12,750.76	13,154.00	13,734.00
124 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**			
Salary	16,820.00	17,459.00	17,983.00
Expenses	3,180.63	3,354.00	3,401.00
TOTAL	20,000.63	20,813.00	21,384.00
131 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**	95.00	95.00	95.00
132 **CAPITAL PLANNING COI**	45.00	100.00	100.00
135 **ACCOUNTING OFFICER**			
Salaries/Wages			6,000.00
Expenses			
Biannual Audit		2,700.00	2,700.00
Software Support			495.00
Telephone			90.00
Bookbinding			80.00
Supplies			75.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
Conf/Travel			40.00
Dues			30.00
Subtotal	0.00	2,700.00	3,510.00
TOTAL	0.00	2,700.00	9,510.00
141 **ASSESSORS**			
Salaries			
Chair	998.00	998.00	998.00
2 members	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk	970.00	950.00	950.00
Subtotal	3,868.00	3,848.00	3,848.00
Expenses			
Ledgers/Forms	150.00	150.00	150.00
Deeds/Copies	262.41	300.00	300.00
Dues/Misc/tel	100.00	100.00	100.00
Maps	400.00	400.00	400.00
Subtotal	512.41	950.00	950.00
TOTAL	4,380.41	4,798.00	4,798.00
142 **REVAL/MAINTENANCE**			
Salary	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
145 **TREASURER**			
Salaries/Wages	8,058.00	8,364.00	6,000.00
Expenses			
Software Support	531.96	555.00	555.00
Envelopes/postage	368.13	500.00	400.00
Bond	305.00	305.00	305.00
Checks/W-2's	409.54	400.00	300.00
Banking Services	466.96	1,275.00	150.00
Telephone	145.18	215.00	90.00
Bookbinding	0.00	80.00	80.00
Supplies	179.91	100.00	50.00
Borrowing	45.00	50.00	50.00
Conf/travel	116.78	200.00	50.00
Dues	65.00	65.00	35.00
Subtotal	2633.46	3,745.00	2,065.00
TOTAL	10691.46	12,109.00	8,065.00
146 **COLLECTOR**			
Salaries/wages	6,870.00	7,131.00	6,000.00
Expenses			
Envelopes/Postage	849.12	800.00	900.00
Bond	432.50	432.00	432.00
Software Contract	81.96	80.00	360.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
Tax Bills	348.00	375.00	350.00
Bookbinding	92.89	90.00	90.00
Telephone	118.91	120.00	90.00
Supplies	10.42	45.00	40.00
Dues	35.00	35.00	35.00
Conf/Travel	34.50	55.00	35.00
Subtotal	2,003.30	2,032.00	2,332.00
TOTAL	8,873.30	9,163.00	8,332.00
151 **TOWN COUNSEL**	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
161 **TOWN CLERK**			
Salary	6,200.00	6,436.00	6,629.00
Census input	100.00	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	6,300.00	6,536.00	6,729.00
Expenses			
Supplies/Forms/Dues	137.94	180.00	180.00
Bond	50.00	50.00	50.00
Postage	0.00	75.00	75.00
Travel/Conf	298.40	300.00	300.00
Code Update	0.00	600.00	
Subtotal	486.34	1,205.00	605.00
Census			
Data Collection	550.00	550.00	550.00
Entry & Duplication	211.23	315.00	315.00
Postage	123.22	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	884.45	965.00	965.00
TOTAL	7,670.79	8,706.00	8,299.00
162 **ELECTIONS**			
Salaries			
Poll Workers/police	1,849.70	300.00	900.00
Expenses	198.85	150.00	100.00
TOTAL	2,048.55	450.00	1,000.00
163 **REGISTRARS**			
Salaries (4)	170.00	170.00	170.00
Expenses	30.41	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	200.41	220.00	220.00

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	DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**			
	Salary/Secretary	524.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Expenses			
	Memberships	150.00	100.00	100.00
	Mowing	125.00		
	Tapes/Film/Postage	285.41		
	Legal Notices	300.00		
	Miscellaneous		475.00	475.00
	Subtotal	860.41	575.00	575.00
	TOTAL	1,384.41	1,575.00	1,575.00
175	**PLANNING BOARD**			
	Consulting	1250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Supplies/Advertising/Dues	100.00	350.00	350.00
	TOTAL	695.66	1,350.00	1,350.00
176	**ZONING BOARD OF APPI**	85.73	150.00	150.00
192	**PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENANCE**			
	Wages/Town Hall Janitor	2,255.00	2,341.00	2,411.00
	Expenses			
	Maintenance	1,373.80	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Electricity	4,802.77	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Fuel Oil	3,442.80	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Equipment		250.00	250.00
	Subtotal	9,619.37	11,000.00	11,000.00
	TOTAL	11,874.37	13,341.00	13,411.00
193	**BUILDING INSURANCE**			
	Commercial package	3,960.00	6,573.00	5,960.00
	Boiler	770.00	770.00	770.00
	TOTAL	4,730.00	7,343.00	6,730.00
195	**TOWN REPORTS**	1,100.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
198	**NEWSLETTER**	1,094.63	1,168.00	1,168.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	96,988.64	110,830.00	110,816.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
210 **POLICE**			
Wages			
Chief		6,037.00	6,340.00
Clerk		1,070.00	1,130.00
Regular Hours		22,393.00	24,630.00
Court Hours		2,563.00	2,820.00
Training		1,937.00	2,130.00
Subtotal	28,982.36	34,000.00	37,050.00
Expenses			
Vehicles		6,140.00	7,000.00
Training		1,000.00	1,000.00
Radio/Radar		1,250.00	2,350.00
Dues		150.00	150.00
Uniforms		1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies		1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone		850.00	1,200.00
Dispatch		5,930.00	6,000.00
Subtotal	15,209.88	18,320.00	20,700.00
Insurance			
Police Liability	2,100.00	2,100.00	
Police Workers'Comp	2,075.00	2,075.00	2,075.00
Subtotal	4,175.00	4,175.00	2,075.00
TOTAL	48,367.24	56,495.00	59,825.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
220 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**			
Wages			
Chief	2,145.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
Deputy Chief	210.00	220.00	220.00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00	50.00	50.00
2 Captains	157.50	220.00	220.00
Response Pay	3,423.63	4,450.00	5,250.00
2 lieutenants	0.00	110.00	110.00
Inspection, salary	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Training	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Subtotal	8,086.13	9,400.00	11,950.00
Expenses			
Training	364.30	500.00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance	3,316.85	3,500.00	4,500.00
Gas/Oil	720.48	850.00	850.00
Mutual Aid	100.00	120.00	120.00
Brush Fires	0.00	650.00	650.00
Postage	30.00	30.00	30.00
Capital	3,594.83	2,500.00	2,500.00
Dispatch	900.00	900.00	0.00
Electricity	429.52	475.00	475.00
Fuel Oil	183.09	300.00	300.00
Inspection Mileage	0.00	300.00	300.00
Telephone	0.00	400.00	400.00
Subtotal	9,639.07	10,525.00	10,625.00
Insurance			
Firefighter's Worker's Co	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
Subtotal	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
TOTAL	21,125.20	23,325.00	25,975.00
231 **AMBULANCE**	6,801.90	5,152.00	6,480.00
241 **BUILDING INSPECTOR**	8,340.61	8,302.00	7,819.00
242 **PLUMBING/GAS INSP**	4,159.32	4,487.00	5,902.00
245 **ELECTRICAL INSP**	3202.35	3,610.00	3,857.00
249 **ANIMAL INSPECTOR sal:**	100.00	100.00	100.00
291 **EMERGENCY PLANNING**	25.00	25.00	25.00
292 **DOG OFFICER**			
Salary	650.00	650.00	650.00
Expenses	21.31	90.00	90.00
TOTAL	671.31	740.00	740.00

DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
299 **TREE WARDEN**	3,360.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	96,152.93	105,736.00	114,223.00
300 **SCHOOLS**			
School Committee	250.00	250.00	250.00
Elementary School	700,902.00	778,291.00	860,629.00
Regional School	546,820.00	525,837.00	583,332.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	1,247,972.00	1,304,378.00	1,444,211.00
422 **HIGHWAY DEPT.**			
Wages			
Full Time	52,603.20	54,617.00	77,255.00
Parttime	7,968.00	12,000.00	
Subtotal	60,571.20	66,617.00	77,255.00
Expenses			
Equipment Rental		4,500.00	4,500.00
Parts/Tools		7,275.00	7,275.00
Repairs		940.00	2,940.00
Tires/Batteries		1,600.00	1,600.00
Gas/Oil		12,260.00	13,000.00
Lumber/Fence/Paint		1,100.00	1,100.00
Pipes/Culverts		3,000.00	3,000.00
Asphalt/Blacktop		14,000.00	24,000.00
Stone/Gravel/Sand		11,350.00	11,350.00
Supplies/Telephone		550.00	550.00
Capital		550.00	550.00
Bridge maintenance		2,500.00	3,500.00
Gravel Rd. Maintenance		8,000.00	8,000.00
Subtotal	56,595.00	67,625.00	81,365.00
TOTAL	117,166.20	134,242.00	158,620.00
423 **SNOW/ICE CONTROL**			
Wages	11,203.98	8,339.00	10,000.00
Salt/Sand	20,250.84	12,500.00	20,000.00
TOTAL	31,454.82	20,839.00	30,000.00
424 **STREETLIGHTS**	2,268.08	2,577.00	2,534.00

	DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
439	**SOLID WASTE**			
	TRANSFER STATION			
	Salaries			
	Transfer Station Attend		3,700.00	2,570.00
	Assist. Attend			2,088.00
	Recycling Coord		750.00	750.00
	Open Top Attend			180.00
	Subtotal	2,787.00	4,450.00	5,588.00
	Expenses			
	Recycling hauling		5,500.00	5,500.00
	TS hauling		3,000.00	2,100.00
	TS tipping		27,300.00	14,500.00
	Stickers		475.00	475.00
	Coupons		800.00	800.00
	Maintenance		250.00	800.00
	Electricity		300.00	1,200.00
	Telephone		0.00	300.00
	Miscellaneous		0.00	100.00
	Dues, refuse dist		25.00	25.00
	Non-compactibles		1,140.00	
	Subtotal	31,668.00	38,790.00	25,800.00
	TOTAL	34,455.80	43,240.00	31,388.00
491	**CEMETERIES**	1,035.00		
	North		550.00	550.00
	Village		550.00	550.00
	TOTAL	1,125.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	186,469.90	201,998.00	223,642.00
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**			
	Salaries			
	Chair	400.00	400.00	400.00
	4 Members	800.00	800.00	800.00
	Subtotal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Expenses			
	Postage	0.00	75.00	75.00
	Dues	0.00	50.00	50.00
	Legal Notices	221.36	400.00	400.00
	Office Supplies	6.80	100.00	100.00
	Hazardous Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Vaccinations	0.00		300.00
	Subtotal	228.16	625.00	925.00

	DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
	TOTAL	1,428.16	1,825.00	2,125.00
519	**HEALTH AGENT**	6,405.00	6,565.00	7,668.00
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**	339.17	340.00	340.00
543	**VETERANS' SERVICES**	3,228.00	3,610.00	3,648.00
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICE	11,400.33	12,340.00	13,781.00
610	**LIBRARY**			
	Wages			
	Librarian/Director	6,525.00	7,229.00	7,446.00
	Janitor	250.00	278.00	287.00
	Subtotal	6,775.00	7,507.00	7,733.00
	Expenses			
	Books/Magazines	738.00	738.00	775.00
	Utilities	1,188.00	1,263.00	1,326.00
	Office Supplies	199.00	199.00	209.00
	Misc	220.00	220.00	231.00
	Subtotal	2,345.00	2,420.00	2,541.00
	TOTAL	9,120.00	9,927.00	10,274.00

	DEPARTMENT	Fy93	Fy94	Fy95
691	**HISTORICAL COMMISSIC**	7.59	250.00	200.00
692	**HARVEST FESTIVAL**	24.00	50.00	50.00
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECRE	9,151.59	10,227.00	10,524.00
710	**DEBT PRINCIPAL**	66,800.00	66,400.00	71,187.00
751	**DEBT INTEREST**	18,779.25	11,625.00	14,063.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	85,579.25	78,025.00	85,250.00
911	**RETIREMENT**	39,746.00	38,715.00	40,442.00
912	**WORKERS' COMP**	14,350.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
913	**UNEMPLOYMENT**	2,703.14	4,000.00	2,000.00
914	**HEALTH INSURANCE**	64,321.60	65,000.00	74,000.00
915	**LIFE INSURANCE**	401.50	380.00	470.00
916	**MEDICARE**	7,585.46	7,000.00	8,000.00
945	**LIABILITY INSURANCE**			
	Public officials	3,075.00	3,075.00	3,075.00
	Group Accident(Police/Fir	0.00	5,739.00	0.00
	Umbrella	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	School Nurse	0.00	0.00	53.00
	TOTAL	3,075.00	9,814.00	4,128.00
946	**AUTO**	7,087.00	7,607.00	7,607.00
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	139,269.70	144,516.00	151,647.00
	GRAND TOTAL	1,872,984.34	1,968,050.00	2,154,094.00

TOWN OF LEVERETT FY95 Budget
April 30, 1994

account #		
113-5100	Town Meeting salaries	200
113	Town Meeting expenses	245
114-5100	Moderator salary	50
122-5100	Selectmen salaries	11474
122	Selectmen expenses	2260
124-5100	Administrative Assistant salaries	17983
124	Administrative Assistant expenses	3401
131	Finance Committee	95
135-2100	Accounting Officer salaries	6000
135	Accounting Officer expenses	3510
141-5100	Assessors salaries	3848
141	Assessors expenses	950
142	Revaluation	8000
145-5100	Treasurer salaries	6000
145	Treasurer expenses	2065
146-5100	Collector salaries	6000
146	Collector expenses	2332
149	Capital Planning	100
151	Town Counsel	1000
161-5100	Town Clerk salaries	6729
161	Town Clerk expenses	1570
162-5100	Elections salaries	900
162	Elections expenses	100
163-5100	Registrars salaries	170
163	Registrars expenses	50
171-5100	Conservation Commission salaries	1000
171	Conservation Commission expenses	575
175	Planning Board	1350
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	150
192-5100	Building Maintenance salaries	2411
192	Building Maintenance	11000
193	Building Insurance	6730
195	Town Report	1400
198-5100	Newsletter	1168
	100 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	110816
210-5100	Police wages/salaries	37050
210	Police insurance	2075
210	Police expenses	20700
220-5100	Fire wages/salaries	11950
220	Fire insurance	3400
220	Fire expenses	10625
231-5200	Ambulance	6480
241-5200	Building Inspector	7819
242-5200	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	5902
245-5200	Electrical Inspector	3857
249	Animal Inspector salary	100
291	Emergency Planning salary	25
292-5100	Dog Officer salary	650
292	Dog Officer expenses	90
299	Tree Warden expenses	3500
	200 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	114223

300	School, Elementary	860629	
310	School, Regional	598201	
302-5100	School Committee salaries	250	
	300 TOTAL EDUCATION		1459080
422-5100	Highway wages	77255	
422	Highway expenses	81365	
423-5100	Snow and Ice salaries	10000	
423	Snow and ice expenses	20000	
424	Street Lights	2534	
439-5100	Transfer Station wages	5588	
439	Transfer Station expenses	25800	
491	Cemetaries - North	550	
491	Cemetaries - Village	550	
	400 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		223642
510-5100	Board of Health salaries	1200	
510	Board of Health expenses	925	
519-5200	Health Agent	7668	
541	Council on Aging	340	
543-5200	Veterans Agent	3648	
	500 Total Human Services		13781
610-5100	Library salaries	7733	
610	Library expenses	2541	
691	Historical Commission	200	
692	Harvest Festival	50	
	600 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		10524
710	Debt Principal	71187	
751	Debt Interest	14063	
	700 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		85250
911-5100	Franklin County Retirement	40442	
912-5100	Workers Comp	15000	
913-5100	Unemployment	2000	
914-5100	Health Insurance	74000	
915-5100	Life Insurance	470	
916-5100	Medicare	8000	
945	Liability Insurance	4128	
946	Auto insurance	7607	
	900 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		151647
		TOTAL	2168963

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Fy 95 Budget Background Information

Fy 95 Levy Limit Calculation

Fy 94	1,634,271	
+2.5%	40,857	
New Growth	25,000	
Override		
Subtotal		1,700,128
Debt Exclusion	85,250	
Capital Exclusion		
FY 95 Levy Limit	1,785,378	

Total to be raised	2,244,369
Minus Revenue	370,990
Amount to be levied	1,873,379
Levy Limit	1,785,378
Deficit	88,001

Sources of Deficit	
Operating Budget	57,201
Articles 7,9,10,12,13,14,15	10,800
Teachers' Salaries	20,000
Total	88,001

Tax Rate Calculation	
Amount to be Levied	1,873,379
Fy 94 Valuation plus New Growth	101,809,225
Estimated Tax Rate	18.40

Reserve Fund Balances		Proposed Expenditure	Balance
Free Cash	131,992	20,000	111,992
Stabilization	192,922	47,500	145,422
Landfill Fund	44,000	44,000	0
Total	368,914	111,500	257,414

Summary of Expenditures and Revenue

Amount to be Raised

Appropriations			
1. Operating Budget		2,154,094.00	
2. Raise & Appropriate Articles		30,800.00	
Other Amounts to be Raised			
1. Offsets		3,053.00	
State/County CS Charges		31,422.00	
Overlay		25,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		2,244,369.00	
Estimated Receipts			
Cherry Sheet			
1. Chap. 70 School Aid		67,051.00	
2. General Government			
Lottery (old)	68,159.00		
Lottery (new)	15,586.00		
Chap. 81 Highway	33,702.00		
Exemptions	4,438.00		
State Land	1,093.00		
Reserve Direct Exp	3,053.00		
Snow/ice	3,908.00		
Subtotal CS		129,939.00	
Total Local Aid			196,990.00
Local Receipts			174,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			370,990.00

Summary

Total Amount to be Raised	2,244,369.00
Total Receipts	370,990.00
Difference	1,873,379.00
Levy Limit	1,785,378.00
Deficit	88,001.00

Fy 95 Proposed Expenditures										
ARTICLE #	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	RAISE/APPROPRIATE	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION	OTHER AVAILABLE	BORROWING	OVERRIDE	DEBT EXCL	CAPITAL EXCL
2	Fy 94 Reserve Fund Transfe	12,140				Transfer from line items				
3	Operating Budget	2,154,094	2,154,094					57,201		
4	Trans. Bond	?				?				
5	Fy95 Reserve Fund	20,000		20,000						
6	CSA	64,000				44,000	20,000		P&I Fy96	
7	Ramp Transfer Station	1,200	1,200							1,200
9	Exhaust Fan Fire Dept	1,000								1,000
10	Fuel Tank North Fire St	2,200								2,200
11	Minipumper	95,000			47,500		47,500		P&I Fy 96	
12	Road Sweeper	2,500	2,500							2,500
13	Equipment Repairs, Hwy	2,000	2,000					2,000		
14	Land Acquisition	1,600	1,600					1,600		
15	Dog Kennel	300	300					300		
18	Teachers' Salaries	20,000	20,000					20,000		
TOTAL			2,181,694	20,000	47,500	44,000	67,500	81,101		6,900

WARRANT ARTICLE

TOWN OF LEVERETT

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum of $20,000 for the purpose of further increasing the elementary school budget to increase the salary of teachers, teacher aides, and the school principal.

Elizabeth E. Caldwell
Derek B. Howes
Peter Reich
Leon P. Corlan
Marilyn J. Putnam
Jean Juhn
Phillip Cook
Joan Snowdon
Amy Pal
Jim Shanney
Kathleen Winkworth

10 signatures of registered voters
D'Ann Kelly, Town Clerk
April 4, 1994

Town of Leverett Annual Town Meeting
April 30, 1994

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, stabilization or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $95,000 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Don Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from stabilization a sum not to exceed $47,500 and borrow a sum not to exceed $47,500 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.
Alice Rarig seconded the motion.
Motion carried: yes votes-59, no votes-1.

Town of Leverett Override Election
May 21, 1994

Question Two: Shall the Town of Leverett be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

YES 249 NO 128

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

D'Ann Sauer Kelty

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Leverett Town Clerk

To: The Citizens of the Town of Leverett

From: Leverett Finance Committee

Date: April 30, 1994

Re: Recommendations on Warrant Articles

At meetings held on April 21 and April 25, 1994, the Leverett Finance Committee discussed the articles to be presented and voted upon at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting. Below are our recommendations and a brief summary of our deliberations. Recommendations included herein are only those that are of financial interest to the Town; that is the charge of the Finance Committee. We have omitted articles that are not financial in nature.

Article Two: This article adds money to this year's Reserve Account to cover outstanding bills that exceed the amount of money currently in the Reserve Account. We recommend.

The total amount of money allocated to the Reserve Account for this year (FY 94) was $20,000. While the Finance Committee has been extremely frugal with this rather small amount this year, we are aware that there are outstanding bills that will exceed the amount that we have left in this year's account. Large requests for snow and ice removal and insurance increases require that we request this amount.

Article Three: This is the Town's Annual Budget for FY 1995. We recommend.

The Finance Committee has been in close negotiations with the Select Board, the Capital Planning Committee, and all other Town Departments and Commissions in the preparation of this budget. As presented, the budget is the result of meetings and hearings that began in December 1993. The final figure will insure that the Town continues to meet its current level of service to its residents.

Article Four: Vote to expend Chapter 90 money available for bridge and highway construction. We recommend.

This is the housekeeping article that allows us to accept this money from the state and spend it for highway and bridge work.

Article Five: Transfer from Free Cash $20,000 into Reserve Account. We recommend.

This is the Reserve Account that the Finance Committee uses to pay for those unanticipated and underbudgeted items that occur throughout the year. (This amount is for FY 95.) The Reserve Account is like the town's checking account. It provides additional money, if needed, when we must pay for something that is not in the budget.

Article Six: Vote to borrow and use available funds a total of $64,500 for the Comprehensive Site Assessment for landfill closure. We recommend.

Forty-four thousand dollars of this amount already exists in our Landfill Closure Fund; the remaining $20,000 will be borrowed. This money is needed to begin the rather expensive process of closing the landfill. The closing of the landfill has been mandated by the state and the town has been acting in compliance with that mandate.

Article Seven: Raise and appropriate $1,200 for a new ramp at the Transfer Station. We recommend.

This is necessary for an additional recycling container. The Transfer Station is operating very successfully and the addition of another container will allow for more efficient recycling efforts.

Article Eight: Vote to establish a building committee for the highway, fire, and police complex. We recommend.

While this article does not yet require the allocation of finances, the Finance Committee recognizes the need to maintain all town property. Such a committee will serve the town's long term commitment to maintain our property at its appropriate value.

Article Nine: Raise and appropriate $1,000 for an exhaust fan at the Fire Station. We recommend.

Recent studies of exhaust emissions at the Fire Station suggest that the fire fighters are being exposed to unnecessary carbon monoxide gas while inside the station during the winter. While not necessarily at critical levels, we certainly do not want to expose anyone in the town to unnecessary danger.

Article Ten: Raise and appropriate $2,200 for removal of the underground fuel oil tank at the North Fire Station. We recommend.

This is the last of the underground fuel tanks in the town. Removal of these tanks is both financially and environmentally sound. As tanks get old, they become rusty and the threat of rupturing and leaking fuel oil into the ground is increased. Removal will prevent the potential dangers of leakage and the expense of clean up.

Article Eleven: Vote to Expend $47,500 from Stabilization Fund and borrow another $47,500 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department. We recommend.

This new vehicle will be used to replace the current Brush Truck and will also be more versatile than that one. It will carry rescue equipment, serve as an additional front line vehicle, and be mobile enough to get into small areas that the larger trucks are unable to approach.

Article Twelve: Raise and appropriate $2,500 for a road sweeper for the Highway Department tractor. We recommend.

Replacement of our current sweeper is a necessity. The current one is old and broken down. The Highway Department simply needs a new one to continue doing the job that it has been doing.

Article Thirteen: Raise and appropriate $2,000 for repairs to Highway Department vehicles. We recommend.

These monies are needed for an engine overall of one of the large Highway Department trucks and other preventative maintenance.

Article Fourteen: Raise and appropriate $1,600 for the Land Acquisition Fund. We recommend.

This is a small amount to be added to the funds that the town uses to buy eminent domain property, take care of title searches and other related costs that are involved with the taking and accepting land that the town is interested in accepting as gifts or purchasing for a variety of reasons.

Article Fifteen: Raise and appropriate $300 for a roof at the Town Dog Kennel. We recommend.

This is a very small sum to provide a service for animals that may be held in the town kennels. Since we must care for these animals, it is only humane that the kennels be kept sound and safe.

Article Sixteen: Establish a revolving fund to supplement the budget of the Bradford M. Field Library. We recommend.

This article will not cost the town any additional expenditures, but will give the library a fund that it could use for funds it may raise through other sources. It is a simple bookkeeping process that requires no town resources.

Article Seventeen: Authorize continuation of the Night Custodian Revolving Fund. We recommend.

Like the previous article, this is a revolving fund used for a specific purpose. It is a matter of how the account books are kept.

Article Eighteen: Raise and appropriate $20,000 to increase salaries of personnel at the Leverett Elementary School. We do not recommend.

The Elementary school budget has already been increased by $40,000 for the purpose of increasing salaries. This additional amount will, in effect, give the teachers and other personnel at the school a salary increase of approximately thirteen percent (13%), an amount that is extraordinary in these times of smaller budgets and reduced sources of state aid.

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENT SUMMARY:
4/13/94

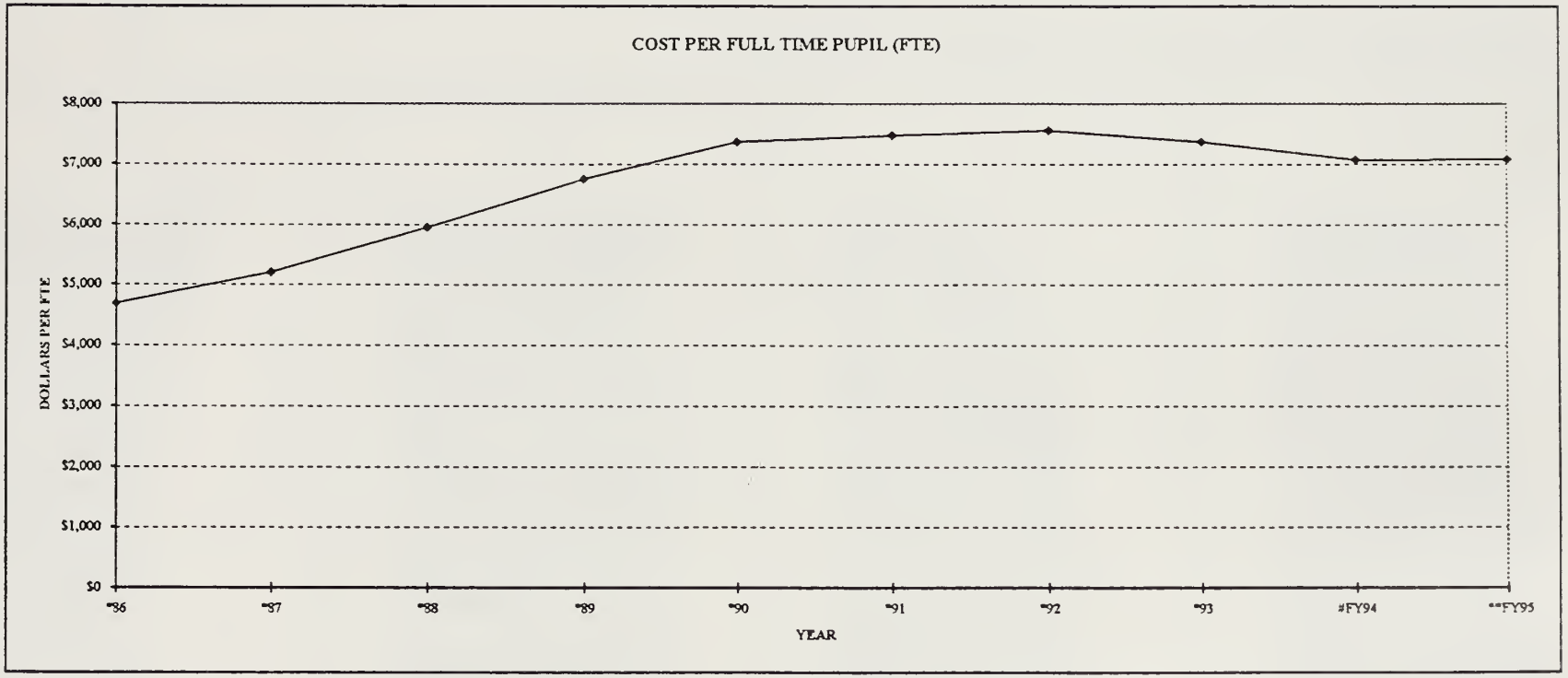
	FY95	FY94	FY93	FY92	FY91	FY90	FY89	FY88
AMHERST	$5,633,690	$5,320,977	$5,508,846	$5,601,428	$5,086,314	$4,495,249	$4,071,904	$3,799,782
% CHANGE	5.88%	-3.41%	-1.65%	10.13%	13.15%	10.40%	7.16%	0.22%
PELHAM	$519,249	$435,912	$459,453	$477,921	$429,138	$377,156	$328,607	$302,005
% CHANGE	19.12%	-5.12%	-3.86%	11.37%	13.78%	14.77%	8.81%	1.53%
LEVERETT	$583,332	$525,837	$546,820	$554,704	$492,341	$427,739	$381,072	$350,439
% CHANGE	10.93%	-3.84%	-1.42%	12.67%	15.10%	12.25%	8.74%	5.76%
SHUTESBURY	$503,371	$465,552	$453,205	$425,686	$360,037	$303,850	$263,350	$240,809
% CHANGE	8.12%	2.72%	6.46%	18.23%	18.49%	15.38%	9.36%	7.19%
TOTAL ASSESS.	$7,239,642	$6,748,278	$6,968,324	$7,059,739	$6,367,830	$5,603,994	$5,044,933	$4,693,035
% CHANGE	7.28%	-3.16%	-1.29%	10.87%	13.63%	11.08%	7.50%	1.03%

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUPIL ENROLLMENT (FTE):

	FTE	FTE CHANGE	PERCENT % CHANGE	FTE CHANGE FROM FY85	PERCENT CHANGE FROM FY85
*81	1817.0	—	—		
*82	1774.7	-42.3	-2.33%		
*83	1773.3	-1.4	-0.08%		
*84	1796.4	23.1	1.30%		
*85	1813.3	16.9	0.94%		
*86	1757.6	-55.7	-3.07%	-55.7	-3.07%
*87	1714.8	-42.8	-2.44%	-98.5	-5.43%
*88	1605.1	-109.7	-6.40%	-208.2	-11.48%
*89	1523.0	-82.1	-5.11%	-290.3	-16.01%
*90	1467.2	-55.8	-3.66%	-346.1	-19.09%
*91	1516.6	49.4	3.37%	-296.7	-16.36%
*92	1514.8	-1.8	-0.12%	-298.5	-16.46%
*93	1581.0	66.2	4.37%	-232.3	-12.81%
#FY94	1706.0	125.0	7.91%	-107.3	-5.92%
**FY95	1,817.0	111.0	6.51%	3.7	0.20%

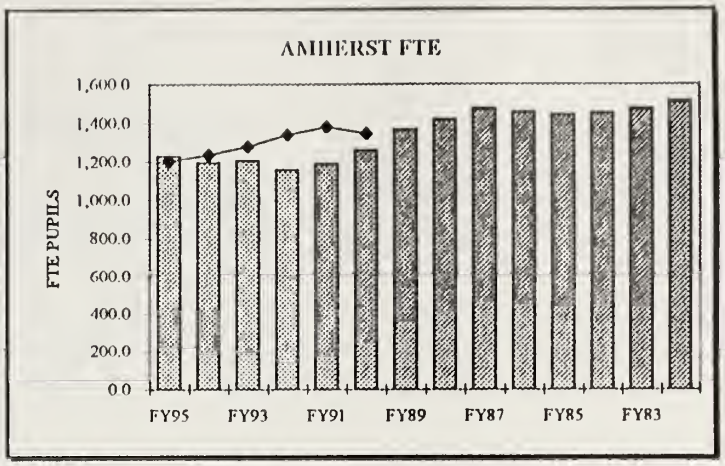
FY	FTE	EXPENSE	$ PER FTE	CHANGE $/FTE	PERCENT CHANGE
*86	1757.6	$8,225,828	$4,680	—	—
*87	1714.8	8,916,572	5,200	520	11.10%
*88	1605.1	9,547,784	5,948	749	14.40%
*89	1523.0	10,274,297	6,746	798	13.41%
*90	1467.2	10,810,980	7,368	622	9.23%
*91	1516.6	11,337,915	7,476	107	1.46%
*92	1514.8	11,440,967	7,553	77	1.03%
*93	1581.0	11,644,617	7,365	-187	-2.48%
#FY94	1706.0	12,054,339	7,066	-299	-4.07%
**FY95	1817.0	12,850,170	7,072	6	0.09%

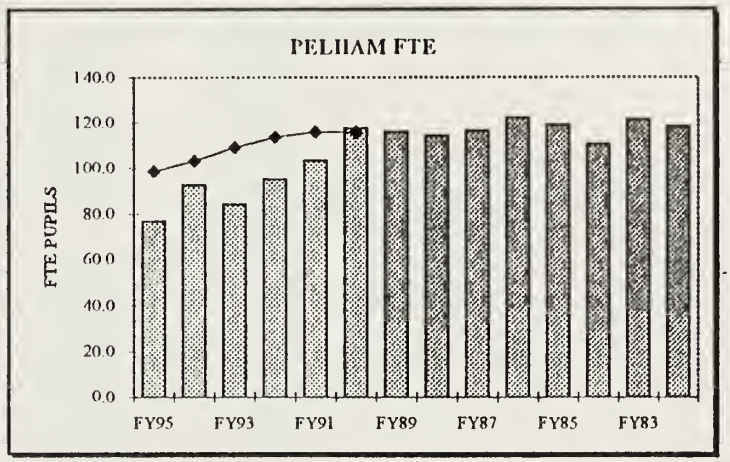
* = STATE REPORT (INHOUSE + TUITIONED 0UT - TUITIONED IN)
# = OCT 1 (In House = 1665: Tuit-out VOC = 26; SPED = 15)
** = PROJECTED (In House = 1773 Tuit-out VOC = 28; SPED = 16)
NOTE: FTE INCLUDES TUITIONED OUT (VOC & SPED)

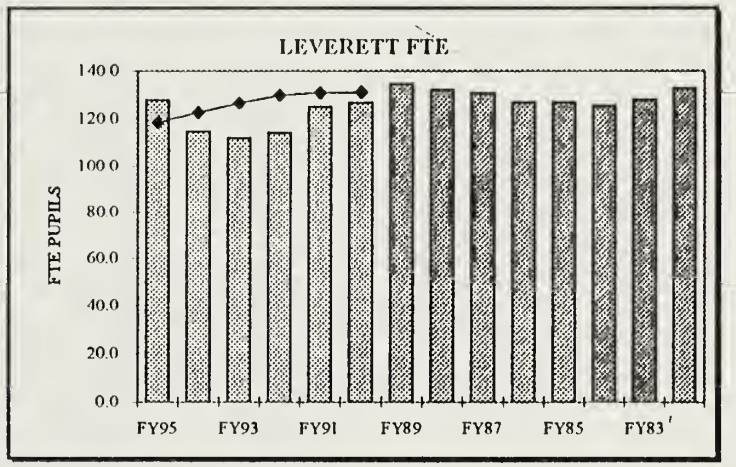


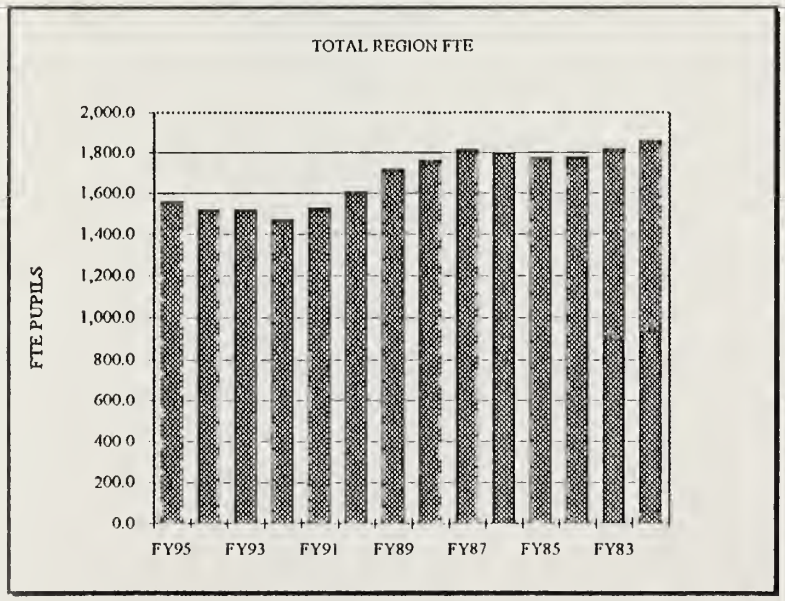
AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT (FTE)

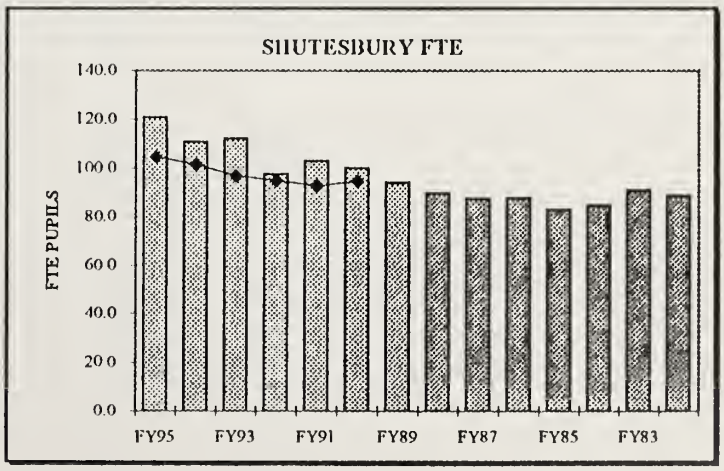
STATE RPT FY	BUDGET FY	FTE AMH	FTE PEL	FTE LEV	FTE SHUT	TOTAL FTE
FY93	FY95	1,230.2	76.9	127.9	120.8	1,555.8
FY92	FY94	1,196.2	92.8	114.7	111.1	1,514.8
FY91	FY93	1,208.3	84.0	111.9	112.3	1,516.6
FY90	FY92	1,160.2	95.1	114.2	97.7	1,467.2
FY89	FY91	1,191.0	103.4	125.3	103.3	1,523.0
FY88	FY90	1,260.4	117.6	126.9	100.2	1,605.1
FY87	FY89	1,370.1	115.8	134.6	94.3	1,714.8
FY86	FY88	1,421.4	114.3	132.1	89.8	1,757.6
FY85	FY87	1,478.6	116.5	130.6	87.6	1,813.3
FY84	FY86	1,459.5	122.2	126.8	87.9	1,796.4
FY83	FY85	1,444.3	119.1	126.9	83.0	1,773.3
FY82	FY84	1,454.0	110.4	125.5	84.8	1,774.7
FY81	FY83	1,477.0	121.2	127.8	91.0	1,817.0
FY80	FY82	1,516.7	118.2	132.6	89.0	1,856.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY95	1,197.2	90.4	118.8	109.0	1,515.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY94	1,203.2	98.6	118.6	104.9	1,525.3
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY93	1,238.0	103.2	122.6	101.6	1,565.3
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY92	1,280.6	109.2	126.6	97.1	1,613.5
5 YR MOV-AVG	FY91	1,344.3	113.5	129.9	95.0	1,682.8
4 YR MOV-AVG	FY90	1,382.6	116.1	131.1	93.0	1,722.7
3 YR MOV-AVG	FY89	1,350.6	115.9	131.2	94.8	1,692.5
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY95	79.00%	5.97%	7.84%	7.20%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY94	78.88%	6.46%	7.78%	6.88%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY93	79.09%	6.59%	7.83%	6.49%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY92	79.37%	6.77%	7.85%	6.01%	100.00%
5 YR MOV-AVG %	FY91	79.89%	6.75%	7.72%	5.65%	100.00%
4 YR MOV-AVG %	FY90	80.26%	6.74%	7.61%	5.40%	100.00%
3 YR MOV-AVG %	FY89	79.80%	6.85%	7.75%	5.60%	100.00%











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NOTE: THE ENROLLMENTS DISPLAYED HERE ARE ASSESSMENT ENROLLMENTS. THESE LAG ACTUAL ENROLLMENT FIGURES BY TWO YEARS i.e. FY95 MOVING AVERAGE IS COMPRISED OF FY93, FY92, FY91, FY90, and FY89.

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET COMPARISON/SUMMARY

AREA	FY 94 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY 95 BUDGET
1000 ADMINISTRATION		
Leverett Elementary	1,906	1,906
Share of Union #28	51,825	57,281
Subtotal	53,731	59,187
2000 INSTRUCTION		
Salaries:		
Principal	44,290	46,505
Clerical	15,101	15,124
Teachers	374,757	392,749
Aides	57,235	46,902
Library	11,180	11,845
Nurse,Doctor, Psychologist	26,265	25,515
Collective Bargaining Contingency	0	58,848
Substitutes	5,000	5,400
Sped Contracted Services	16,500	15,000
Instructional Supplies	19,100	20,100
Textbooks	3,000	3,000
Other	13,631	15,432
Share of Union #28	161	536
Subtotal	586,220	656,956
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
General Health Services	11,530	11,368
Sped Transportation	5,200	7,800
Food Service	4,000	2,000
Subtotal	20,730	21,168
4000 PLANT OPERATION/MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salaries	35,148	39,430
Custodial Supplies	3,600	4,000
Fuel	11,000	11,000
Power	21,775	21,775
Telephone	2,200	2,200
Building Maintenance	15,500	15,500
Ground, Equipment, Other Maintenance	4,351	5,526
Share of Union #28	1,108	1,356
Subtotal	94,682	100,787
5000 FIXED CHARGES		
Insurance	2,600	2,600
Share of Union #28	1,167	1,216
Subtotal	3,767	3,816
7000 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT		
Acquisition of Equipment	2,550	0
Share of Union #28	172	3,215
Subtotal	2,722	3,215
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Sped Tuition	15,000	15,500
Subtotal	15,000	15,500
TOTAL	778,290	860,629

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

APPROVED BUDGET
FY 95

APRIL 5, 1994

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APRIL 5, 1994

account number	account title	1993 adjusted	1993 expended	1994 adjusted	1995 approved	difference curr/appv
FUND SOURCE: LEVERETT LOCAL A L02						
FUNCTION: SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1						
L02 LVE/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL	1000	1661	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	1	1	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-62	SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-69	ALL OTHER EXPENSES	250	176	250	250	0
L02 LVE/1109-000-6C	SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADVERTISING	600	557	600	600	0
L02 LVE/1209-000-69	CENSUS	55	50	55	55	0
L02 U28/1109-000-40	LEGAL COUNSEL-UNION	140	0	129	134	5
L02 U28/1109-000-42	FINANCIAL AUDIT-GRANTS	561	0	514	536	22
L02 U28/1109-000-60	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IMPRVMT DUES	421	440	463	482	19
L02 U28/1209-000-10	SUPT'S SALARY	18228	18228	18031	19171	1140
L02 U28/1209-000-11	ASST SUPT'S SALARY	12335	12335	12201	12974	773
L02 U28/1209-000-20	SECRETARY'S SALARY	6799	6799	6613	7160	547
L02 U28/1209-000-21	FINANCIAL ASSISTANT'S SALARY	11014	11014	7048	7478	430
L02 U28/1209-000-22	BOOKKEEPER'S SALARY	0	0	3778	4214	436
L02 U28/1209-000-40	MACHINE RENTAL CONTRACT	56	60	58	60	2
L02 U28/1209-000-41	MACHINE MAINTENANCE	617	626	463	616	153
L02 U28/1209-000-42	COMPUTER CONTRACTED SERVICES	561	561	514	616	102
L02 U28/1209-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	673	222	617	643	26
L02 U28/1209-000-51	POSTAGE	814	811	745	857	112
L02 U28/1209-000-52	PRINTING EXPENSE	224	73	129	134	5
L02 U28/1209-000-53	CLASSIFIED ADS	337	278	308	429	121
L02 U28/1209-000-62	SUPT'S CONFERENCE	449	376	411	509	98
L02 U28/1209-000-63	PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY	196	234	180	188	8
L02 U28/1209-000-64	SUPT'S TRAVEL	597	597	546	570	24
L02 U28/1209-000-66	SUPT'S OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	84	84	77	0	-77
L02 U28/1209-000-67	ASST SUPT'S TRAVEL	464	464	425	443	18
L02 U28/1209-000-69	OFFICE CONFERENCES	70	58	13	67	54
function sub-total	SCHOOL COMMITTEE))	56545	55711	55169	59187	4018
FUNCTION: INSTRUCTION 2						
L02 LVE/2101-000-61	INSERVICE TRAINING	0	0	750	750	0
L02 LVE/2101-000-63	PROF LIBRARY (STAFF)	0	0	200	200	0
L02 LVE/2201-000-10	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	43000	43425	44290	46505	2215
L02 LVE/2201-000-20	CLERICAL SALARY	15669	15722	15101	15124	23
L02 LVE/2201-000-41	OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	4000	2905	4000	3200	-800
L02 LVE/2201-000-50	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2500	2248	3400	3400	0
L02 LVE/2201-000-69	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	0	0	200	200	0
L02 LVE/2300-000-10	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINGENCY	9553	0	0	58848	58848
L02 LVE/2301-000-10	TEACHERS' SALARIES	324238	330208	374757	392749	17992
L02 LVE/2301-000-30	TEACHER AIDES SALARY	46957	46452	57235	46902	-10333
L02 LVE/2301-000-40	ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/2301-000-41	SUBSTITUTES SALARY	4300	5834	5000	5400	400
L02 LVE/2301-000-50	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	15200	18206	15900	15900	0
L02 LVE/2301-00K-50	KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	1200	1610	1200	1200	0
L02 LVE/2302-000-17	NURSE'S SALARY (SPED)	8891	9936	9072	9072	0
L02 LVE/2302-000-40	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	16500	17355	16500	15000	-1500
L02 LVE/2302-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (SPED)	500	475	500	500	0

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APRIL 5, 1994

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L02 LVE/2302-000-64	SPECIAL TRAVEL	25	0	25	25	0
L02 LVE/2302-000-90	EARLY C'HOOD SPED TUITION	0	0	3056	4157	1101
L02 LVE/2309-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	2000	3500	1500
L02 LVE/2401-000-50	TEXTBOOKS	2100	2897	3000	3000	0
L02 LVE/2501-000-10	LIBRARIAN SALARY	-4	60	5035	5035	0
L02 LVE/2501-000-30	LIBRARY AIDE SALARY	22	0	6145	6810	665
L02 LVE/2501-000-50	LIBRARY MATERIALS	500	319	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2601-000-50	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	500	262	1000	1000	0
L02 LVE/2601-000-55	COMPUTER SUPPLIES	0	0	0	1000	1000
L02 LVE/2802-000-10	PSYCHOLOGIST'S SALARY	14512	14706	16693	15943	-750
L02 U28/2101-000-61	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	281	66	161	536	375
function sub-total INSTRUCTION))		510444	512694	586220	656956	70736
FUNCTION: OTHER SCHOOL SER 3						
L02 LVE/3201-000-10	NURSE'S SALARY (REG)	2964	3954	4693	4693	0
L02 LVE/3201-000-12	NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	5290	5410	6386	5974	-412
L02 LVE/3201-000-41	DOCTOR'S SALARY (REG ED)	100	30	100	100	0
L02 LVE/3201-000-50	HEALTH SUPPLIES	350	875	350	600	250
L02 LVE/3302-000-40	SPED. TRANSPORTATION	7800	7065	5200	7800	2600
L02 LVE/3409-000-69	FOOD SERVICE	4000	2000	4000	2000	-2000
L02 LVE/3529-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	1	1	0
function sub-total OTHER SCHOOL SER))		20504	19335	20730	21168	438
FUNCTION: PLANT OPERATION/ 4						
L02 LVE/4119-000-32	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	32556	32027	35148	39430	4282
L02 LVE/4119-000-50	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	2600	3132	3600	4000	400
L02 LVE/4129-000-66	FUEL	11500	10567	11000	11000	0
L02 LVE/4139-000-65	ELECTRIC POWER	25500	19529	21775	21775	0
L02 LVE/4139-000-68	SCHOOL TELEPHONE	1500	1541	2200	2200	0
L02 LVE/4219-000-69	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1960	3880	2400	3000	600
L02 LVE/4229-000-69	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	12200	17177	15500	15500	0
L02 LVE/4239-000-64	MAINTENANCE TRAVEL	450	409	450	525	75
L02 LVE/4239-000-69	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1500	1625	1500	2000	500
L02 LVE/4249-000-42	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	1	1	0
L02 U28/4119-000-32	CENTRAL OFFICE CUSTODIAN	313	321	286	499	213
L02 U28/4139-000-68	CENTRAL OFFICE TELEPHONE	982	972	822	857	35
function sub-total PLANT OPERATION/))		91061	91184	94682	100787	6105
FUNCTION: FIXED CHARGES 5						
L02 LVE/5209-000-6I	SCHOOL COMMITTEE INSURANCE	1800	1707	1400	1400	0
L02 LVE/5209-000-6S	STUDENT COVERAGE	1200	1110	1200	1200	0
L02 U28/5209-000-6D	DISABILITY INSURANCE	101	100	93	96	3
L02 U28/5309-000-6E	CENTRAL OFFICE RENT	1066	1066	1074	1120	46
function sub-total FIXED CHARGES))		4167	3984	3767	3816	49
FUNCTION: ACUISITION/IMPRO 7						
L02 LVE/7209-000-80	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	0	0
L02 LVE/7309-000-80	ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT	3000	1140	0	0	0
L02 LVE/7409-000-80	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	0	691	2550	0	-2550

LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APRIL 5, 1994

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L02 U28/7309-000-80	CENTRAL OFFICE NEW EQUIPMENT	281	102	172	3215	3043
function sub-total	ACUISITION/IMPRO))	3281	1933	2722	3215	493
FUNCTION: PROGRAMS WITH OT 9						
L02 LVE/9102-000-90	SPED TUITION	12900	13776	15000	15500	500
function sub-total	PROGRAMS WITH OT))	12900	13776	15000	15500	500
fund source sub-total	LEVERETT LOCAL A)	698902	698620	778290	860629	82339
**** REPORT GRAND TOTAL	))))))))))))))))))))))))))	698902	698620	778290	860629	82339

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REPORT OF THE TRASH TRANSFER STATION COMMITTEE

for

Town Meeting, April 30, 1994

The Trash Transfer Station received its first trash on the weekend of December 4, 1993 and the landfill stopped receiving trash on the same date. This report will tell you about our experience with the Transfer Station since it opened.

AMOUNT OF TRASH RECEIVED

We have been receiving trash at the average rate of about 5.5 tons per week which means that the container gets hauled away only once every two weeks. On the basis of experience to date, we expect the annual tonnage to be about 300 tons, substantially below the estimate we made prior to opening the Station. Our costs of operating the Station are below estimates for three reasons.

1. The tons of trash to be dumped are well below estimates
2. This has meant that the number of hauls has been lower than expected.
3. The tipping fee at the Northampton Landfill is temporarily lower than expected. We now expect it to increase again after January 1, 1995.

COST COMPARISON, LANDFILL VS TRANSFER STATION

The following compares the cost of the landfill in the last full year of its operation (FY 93) with the first full year of operation of the Transfer Station (FY 95).

In FY93, the Landfill was budgeted at $34, 455 plus the time and machinery use of our road crew to do the weekly covering and arrange for cover material.

In FY95, the Transfer Station is budgeted at $31, 388 for all costs. Much to the Committee's surprise, the Station has a lower cost than the Landfill.

ESTIMATED TRANSFER STATION INCOME FOR FY95

The estimated income from users of the Station in FY95 is as follows:

Identification Stickers @ $20	$10,000
Trash coupons	24,000
Total	34,000

We expect this income to completely pay for the operation of the Station and provide about $3000 to help defray the cost of constructing the Station. Our Station has been complimented by Dept. of Environmental Protection personnel as one of the neatest and best set up stations in the state.

LEVERETT RECYCLING ACCOMPLISHMENT

Leverett residents are to be congradulated on their recycling record!!! The MRF in Springfield which receives our recycled material will receive our material free of any tipping charge if we recycle at least 23 percent of our trash. Since the opening of the Station, Leverett has been recycling about 33 percent!!!!

4/4/94

TOWN OF LEVERETT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 30, 1994

Franklin, SS.
To one of the Constables of Leverett:
GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the Elementary School Auditorium at said Leverett, on Saturday the 30th day of April next, at 9:30 in the forenoon (9:30 AM), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article One: To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or town bylaws.

Article Two: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the FY94 Reserve Fund.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet town expenses.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to expend a sum of money in Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1994) which has been certified by the Department of Revenue as an available fund for the purpose of Chapter 90 type bridge and/or highway construction improvements and/or highway resurfacing.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash the sum of $20,000 into the Reserve Account.

Sponsor: Finance Committee
Selectboard

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from the Landfill Closure Fund, or borrow a sum not to exceed $64,500 for the Comprehensive Site Assessment for landfill closure.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash or available funds a sum of $1,200 for a new ramp at the Transfer Station.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee for the highway, fire, police complex. The committee will consist of five members, to be appointed by the selectboard, and will report back to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations.

Sponsor: Selectboard,
Police, Fire Departments

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $1,000 for an exhaust fan at the Fire Station.

Sponsor: Fire Department
Selectboard

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $2,200 to remove and discard the underground fuel oil tank at the North Fire Station and to install a new tank there.

Sponsor: Selectboard
Fire Department

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, stabilization or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $95,000 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Sponsor: Fire Department
Selectboard

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $2,500 for a rear mounted road sweeper for the Highway Department tractor.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from free cash, or borrow a sum of $2000 for equipment repairs to Highway Department vehicles.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,600 to be transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or expend from available funds a sum of $300 for a roof and general improvements at the Town dog kennel.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the Bradford M. Field Memorial Library. Monies will be collected from the sale of discarded books and fines and fees collected for overdue, lost, or destroyed materials. Such monies will be credited to the Library Revolving Fund and expended by the Library Director without further appropriation to purchase books and videos. Total amount to be expended not to exceed $5,000.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Night Custodian Revolving Fund as voted by Article 21, April 24, 1993.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum of $20,000 for the purpose of further increasing the elementary school budget to increase the salary of teachers, teacher aides, and the school principal.

Sponsor: Citizen's Petition

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the store and Baptist Church at North Leverett and the store at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of April, 1994.

SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

A true copy I attest:

Donald L. Gibavic

D'Ann Sauer Kelty
Town Clerk

Alice J. Rarig

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date:_____Constable_____

WARRANT ARTICLE

TOWN OF LEVERETT

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum of $20,000 for the purpose of further increasing the elementary school budget to increase the salary of teachers, teacher aides, and the school principal.

Elizabeth E. Caldwell
Derek B. Howes
Peter Reich
Susan P. Conlan
Marilyn J. Putnam
Jean Jutras
Phillip Cook
Joan Snowdon
Amy Pal
Jim Shanney
Kathleen Winkworth

10 signatures of registered voters
D'Ann Kelly, Town Clerk
April 4, 1994

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, expend from free cash, stabilization or other available funds, or borrow a sum of $95,000 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Don Gibavic: I move that the town vote to expend from stabilization a sum not to exceed $47,500 and borrow a sum not to exceed $47,500 to purchase and equip a mini-pumper/rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Alice Rarig seconded the motion.

Motion carried: yes votes-59, no votes-1.

TOWN OF LEVERETT

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SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS
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IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1994
AND THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 1994

THE TOWN CLERK HAS SCHEDULED SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS AS FOLLOW:

SATURDAY, APRIL 2: 9AM-5PM.....Kelty residence, 16 Juggler Meadow Rd

FRIDAY, APRIL 8: 9AM-3PM.....Town Hall, Town Clerk's office
3PM-8PM.....Blinn residence, 3 Dudleyville Rd
8PM 10PM....Kelty residence, 16 Juggler Meadow Rd

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 8 IN ORDER TO VOTE AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22: 9AM-3PM.....Town Hall, Town Clerk's office
3PM 8PM....Kelty residence, 16 Juggler Meadow Rd

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE BY APRIL 22 IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE MAY 2 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

You may also register to vote at the Town Hall during regular Town Clerk's hours (Monday and Friday: 9am-2:30pm; Monday evening: 6pm-7:30pm; Wednesday: 9am-12:30pm)